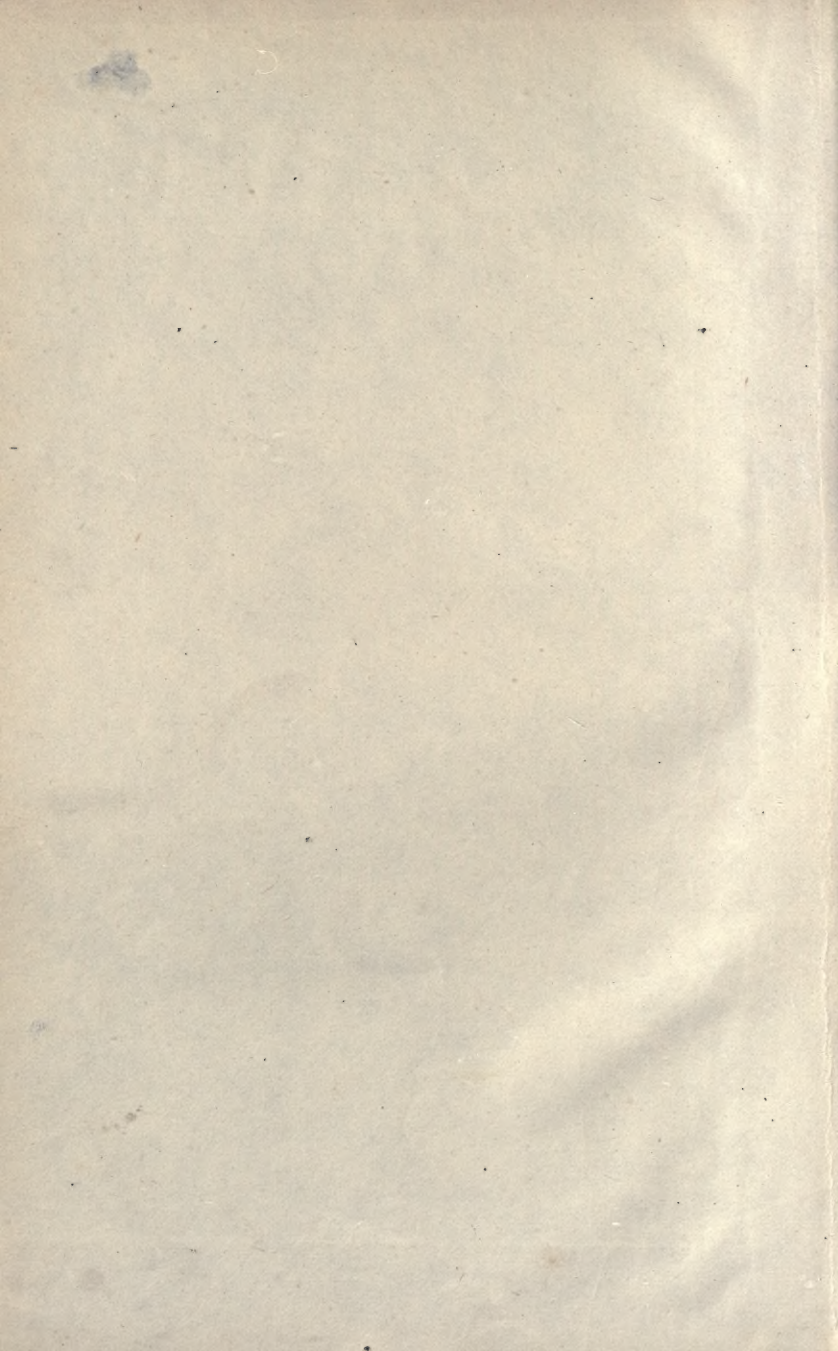


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OF THE

M. W. GRAND LODGE

OF ILLINOIS,

Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons,

From the Organization of the first Lodge within
the present limits of the State, up to
and including 1850.

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BY AUTHORITY OF THE GRAND LODGE.

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INTRODUCTION.

The importance of preparing a history of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was first suggested by M. W. Bro. DILLS, in his address delivered to the Grand Lodge, October 5th, 1858, as follows:

"I have obtained, during the year, the following information relative to the existence of a former Grand Lodge of Illinois, but have failed to find any of the records, although I have sought for them diligently. I visited R. W. Henry H. Snow, who was D. G. Master as late as 1826, and who is now old and infirm. He informed me that there was a regular Grand Lodge of this State previous to 1827, and that to the best of his knowledge the time of its annual convocation was in December; that the last meeting was held in the winter of 1827-8; that grand officers were elected at that time, but that he does not now remember who the Grand Secretary was, or in what part of the State he resided. He also stated to me that there were some ten or twelve Lodges working in the State at the time, but that the following year, during the fiery persecutions which prevailed in the country, the Grand Master died or removed, work was suspended, and never resumed.

"I have also been favored with a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri for the years 1824 and 1825, from the W. M. of Franklin Lodge No. 25, on the 18th page of which I find that their Committee on Foreign Correspondence recognized an existing Grand Lodge of Illinois. This is about all the information I have been able to obtain, and I now request the brethren of the subordinate Lodges in this State, or any brethren out of it, that if they can give any information which pertains to the early history of Masonry in this State, to communicate it to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, by whom it will be thankfully received."

In speaking of the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine, in providing for a history of Masonry in that State, the Committee on Correspondence of 1858 remarked as follows:

"It seems to your committee that something of the kind should be attended to in this State.

"Several of the Lodges on our present registry obtained their charters from other jurisdictions, and as long ago as 1824 (and how long before we do not know), a Grand Lodge existed in this State, which afterwards went down, or was dissolved. After its dissolution, several Lodges in Marion, Montgomery, and other counties in that region, became identified with the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and constituted a district, of which Bro. Boyakin, formerly a member of our State Legislature, as late as 1847 was D. D. G. M. The history of the Lodges

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subordinate to this Grand Lodge, since its organization, might be obtained years hence, but the earlier and more fragmentary and scattered history will soon be difficult to obtain; and may be very difficult in some instances now."

The following resolutions were adopted at the session of 1858:

Resolved, That the materials for a complete history of Masonry in the Territory and State of Illinois, from the organization of the first Lodge therein, together with such biographical sketches and personal incidents as may be worth preserving, ought to be gathered up and placed in our archives, so that a historical volume may be issued when the Craft may desire.

Resolved, That the Grand Master appoint a suitable person for that service, to be styled the Illinois Masonic Historian, who shall be fully authorized to gather such materials together, and to call to his aid the services of such Masters, Wardens, or Secretaries, as may be able to render him any service. All the reasonable expenses of said Historian to be paid by this Grand Lodge.

No further action was taken until 1867, when M. W. Bro. GORIN recommended as follows:

"A Grand Lodge was formed in this State in 1820. The Hon. Thomas C. Browne, then and until 1848 a Justice of the Supreme Court, was President of the Convention. Gov. Bond was the first Grand Master, and Hon. Wm. H. Brown was Grand Secretary. This body virtually died in 1827. These distinguished brethren, with most others then engaged in the formation of the Grand Lodge, are dead. The records of the first Lodge in the State, and a portion of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, are in our archives; a portion are wanting. In 1827 the Grand Lodge went down, and charters were granted to the Lodges by the Grand Lodges of Kentucky and Missouri. For several years after this Grand Lodge was formed, the Grand Lodge of Missouri held jurisdiction over several Lodges in this State, and had a District Deputy as late as 1846.

"The history of the old Grand Lodge, of the Lodges subordinate to it, and those subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Missouri until it ceased to exercise jurisdiction over our territory, should by all means, and at any cost, be rescued from oblivion. Several years since our Grand Secretary was appointed Historian, but, for reasons apparent to this Grand Lodge, he has not been able to perform the duties; he therefore asks to be discharged from that duty, and I recommend that the whole matter be placed in the hands of the Grand Master, with full power to employ such assistance and take such steps as he may deem necessary, with power to draw on the treasury for all reasonable expenses."

The Committee on Grand Master's Address reported as follows:

"In relation to the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master in reference to the history of Masonry in this State, and that the matter be referred to the M. W. Grand Master, with power to act, and to draw upon the treasury for all reasonable expenses incurred, your committee recommend that the said suggestions of the M. W. Grand Master be adopted."

Which recommendation was adopted.

On the 10th day of October, 1867, the following appointment was made:

"OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER OF THE G. LODGE OF ILLINOIS, }
 DECATUR, ILL., October 10th, A. D. 1867. }

"To all whom it may concern:

"At the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, my recommendation, that a suitable person be appointed to rescue from oblivion, as far as may be possible, the history of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and events connected therewith, was approved, and the recommendation adopted.

"Now, therefore, in accordance therewith, and by virtue of the authority thereby conferred, I have and do hereby appoint W. Bro. John C. Reynolds, Deputy Grand Secretary, as the person to perform said work; and I would fraternally request a hearty co-operation on the part of the constituent Lodges of this jurisdiction, and all individual brethren to whom he may apply, in the work he has undertaken.

"Witness my hand and seal, the day and date above written.

(Signed)

"J. R. GORIN, *Grand Master.*" [Seal.]

And on the 7th day of October, 1868, this report was submitted.

Many have been the difficulties and perplexities attending the collection of material. Regarding the old Lodges, it was necessary to keep constantly in sight the slightest cue as to their location, and from whence they derived their powers, and then pounce down upon the Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge for information.

As to some of them, we despaired of ever obtaining any information at all, but through some old publication, or the fortunate entry of some literal Bro. Secretary, a cue was gained and the Lodge traced up. Two or three, however, we can never gain any information of.

Our thanks are due to R. W. Breth. GEO. FRANK GOULEY, Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Missouri; WILLIAM HACKER, Past Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Indiana; J. M. S. McCORKLE, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Kentucky; A. G. HODGES, editor *Kentucky Freemason*, and Grand Treasurer Grand Lodge of Kentucky; JOHN THOMSON, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; and JOHN FRIZZELL, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

It is owing to the literal obedience required of the Lodges to be paid to that portion of the charter requiring them to send up copies of their records, that this history has been written. Why so laudable a practice has been discontinued is more than we can say, and it is not for us to condemn or approve the same.

From R. W. Bro. Hough, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1824, '25, and '26 were procured. He has, it seems, a printed copy—where he procured it is unknown to us. He kindly furnished the Grand Secretary with this copy some years ago.

The indulgence of the reader is asked, as this is the effort of one but little versed in the art of book making. The work when undertaken

seemed to be of huge proportions, and we must confess that we have not been disappointed in this respect.

We could not close this introduction without returning our thanks to Breth. LEWIS KEYON, of Peoria, JOHN W. ROSS, of Lewistown, D. D. G. M., and Bro. GEO. H. HARLOW, Assistant Secretary of State, for facilities afforded us in the compilation of this volume.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN C. REYNOLDS,

W. M. Tyrian Lodge 333,

Deputy Grand Secretary.

CHAPTER I.

The first lodge organized within the present limits of the State of Illinois was at Kaskaskia, in the year 1805, by virtue of a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The precise date of the settlement of Kaskaskia is a matter of uncertainty. One authority places it during the year 1673—another, twenty years later. Lippincotts "Pronouncing Gazetteer" informs us, under the head of Kaskaskia, that "It has the distinction of being the oldest town in Illinois, or perhaps the whole Western States, having been settled by the French about the year 1673."

PERKINS ("Western Annals," Cincinnati, 1847), has the following: "LA SALLE's death," says CHARLEVOIX, in one place, "dispersed the French who had gathered upon the Illinois;" but in another, he speaks of TONTI and twenty Canadians as established among the Illinois three years after the Chevalier's fate was known there. This, however, is clear, that before 1693 the reverend Father GRAVIER began a mission among the Illinois, and became the founder of Kaskaskia, though in what year we know not; but for some time it was merely a missionary station, and the inhabitants of the village consisted entirely of natives, it being one of the three such villages, the other two being Cahokia and Peoria. This we learn from a letter written by Father GABRIEL MAREST, dated "Aux Cascaskias, autrement dit de l'Immaculee Conception de la Sainte Vierge, le 9 Novembre, 1712." In this letter, the writer, after telling us that GRAVIER must be regarded as the founder of the Illinois missions, he having been the first to reduce the principles of the language of those Indians to grammatical order, and so to make preaching to them of avail—goes on near the close of his epistle to say: "These advantages (rivers, etc.) favor the design which some French have of establishing themselves in our village."

HOLMES, in his "American Annals," informs us, under date of 1703, that "the French founded the town of Kaskaskia," and cites as his authority Vol. XL, page 35, American State Papers. We have in vain looked for that statement in the State Papers alluded to, there being no such statement or shadow for it in said volume.

In Bradford's "Encyclopedia of Geography" we read as follows: "Some settlements were made on the Mississippi by the French from Canada toward the close of the 17th century, at which time Kaskaskia and Cahokia were founded."

"The first Europeans who are certainly known to have discovered and explored this river (the Mississippi), were two Frenchmen, Father MARQUETTE and M. JOLIET, in the year 1673. MARQUETTE was a native of Picardy." * * *

"On the 13th of May, 1673, Father MARQUETTE and M. JOLIET, with five other Frenchmen, embarked in two canoes, with a small provision of Indian corn and smoked meat, having previously acquired from the Indians all the intelligence they could afford respecting their proposed route." (Sparks' Am. Biog., Vol. X.) The biographer then goes on to give an account, collated from the writings of Father MARQUETTE, of their journey down the Mississippi, until they arrived at the mouth of the Arkansas, and their subsequent return and passage up the Illinois.

Accompanying this biography is a copy of MARQUETTE's original map, in which the river "Kaskasquias" is laid down. It was probably at this time that the missionary station was founded, as the establishment of such stations was the object of the voyages and discoveries of the Jesuits.

We find no more mention of Kaskaskia until 1721. We quote from Perkins' "Annals":

"But though the Company of the West did little for the enduring welfare of the Mississippi Valley, it did something; the cultivation of tobacco, indigo, rice, and silk, was introduced; the lead mines of Missouri were opened, though at vast expense and in hope of finding silver; and, in Illinois, the culture of wheat began to assume some degree of stability and of importance. In the neighborhood of the river Kaskaskias, Charlevoix found three villages, and about Fort Chartres, the headquarters of the company in that region, the French were rapidly settling."

The next mention is in the same work, as follows:

"Of the ten years which followed, we know but little that is interesting in relation to the West, and of its condition in 1750, we can give no better idea than may be gathered from the following extracts of letters written by Vivier, a missionary among the Illinois:

"Writing 'Aux Illinois,' six leagues from Fort Chartres, June 8th, 1750, Vivier says: 'We have here whites, negroes, and Indians, to say nothing of crossbreeds. There are five French villages, and three villages of the natives, within a space of twenty-one leagues, situated between the Mississippi and another river called the Karkadiad (Kaskaskias). In the five French villages are, perhaps, eleven hundred whites, three hundred blacks, and some sixty red slaves or savages. (Alas poor Illinois!) The three Illinois (native) towns do not contain more than eight hundred souls, all told.'

"Most of the French till the soil; they raise wheat, cattle, pigs, and horses, and live like princes. Three times as much is produced as can be consumed, and great quantities of grain and flour are sent to New Orleans."

"The influence of the French settlers upon the native population, despite the efforts of the missionaries, seems to have been bad, for we are told, that of the three native towns, one was given up by the missionaries as being beyond hope, and in the second and third, but poor harvests were experienced by them, all owing to the 'bad example of the French, and the introduction by them of ardent spirits.'" * * *

In 1770 Kaskaskia contained only sixty-five resident families, and Cahokia only forty-five dwellings. Still, at that time one man furnished the King's stores from his crop—86,000 pounds of flour. * *

The reason for this decline in the population of Kaskaskia was its occupancy by the English and the emigration of the inhabitants to the other side of the river, which was then under Spanish rule. But to quote again: In Hutchins' "Topography of Virginia," we find it stated that Kaskaskia contained 80 houses, and nearly 1,000 white and black inhabitants, the whites being a little the most numerous. Cahokia is stated at 50 houses, and 300 white inhabitants, with 80 negroes. This last calculation is made for 1771, and although Hutchins did not publish his work until 1778, we presume his calculations all apply to a period anterior to the commencement of the Revolutionary War.

From 1775 until the expedition from Virginia under Colonel Clark, by authority from Patrick Henry, Governor of that State, nothing is recorded regarding the Illinois settlements, beyond the following extract from a report made by a Congressional committee in June 1788:

"Near the mouth of the river Kaskaskies there is a village which appears to have contained nearly eighty families from the beginning of the late revolution. There are twelve families in a small village at la Prairie du Rochers, and nearly fifty families at the Kahokia village."

As has been before stated, Kaskaskia was at this time (1778) under British rule, having been ceded by France to Great Britain in the year 1763. Col. George Rogers Clark determined to drive the British from their western posts, and represented the matter in such terms to the House of Delegates of Virginia, that the following order was issued:

"VIRGINIA, Set. In council, Williamsburg, Jan. 2nd, 1778.

"*Lieutenant Colonel George Rogers Clark*:—You are to proceed with all convenient speed, to raise seven companies of soldiers, to consist of fifty men each, officered in the usual manner, and armed most properly for the enterprise; and with this force attack the British post at Kaskasky.

"It is conjectured that there are many pieces of cannon and military stores, to considerable amount, at that place; the taking and preservation of which would be a valuable acquisition to the State. If you are so fortunate, therefore, as to succeed in your expedition, you will take every possible measure to secure the artillery and stores, and whatever may advantage the State.

"For the transportation of the troops, provisions, &c., down the Ohio, you are to apply to the commanding officer at Fort Pitt, for boats; and during the whole transaction you are to take especial care to keep the true destination of your force secret: its success depends upon this. Orders are therefore given to Captain Smith to secure the two men from Kaskasky. Similar conduct will be proper in similar cases.

"It is earnestly desired that you show humanity to such British subjects and other persons as fall in your hands. If the white inhabitants at that post and the neighborhood will give undoubted evidence of their attachment to this State (for it is certain they live within its limits), by taking the test prescribed by law, and by every other way and means in their power, let them be treated as fellow citizens, and their persons and property duly secured. Assistance and protection against all enemies whatever, shall be afforded them; and the commonwealth of Virginia is pledged to accomplish it. But if these people will not accede to these reasonable demands, they must feel the miseries of war, under the direction of that humanity that has hitherto distinguished Americans, and which it is expected you will ever consider as the rule of your conduct, and from which you are in no instance to depart.

"The corps you are to command are to receive the pay and allowance of militia, and to act under the laws and regulations of this State, now in force, as militia. The inhabitants at this post will be informed by you, that in case they accede to the offers of becoming citizens of this commonwealth, a proper garrison will be maintained among them, and every attention bestowed to render their commerce beneficial; the fairest prospects being opened to the dominions of both France and Spain.

"It is in contemplation to establish a post near the mouth of the Ohio. Cannon will be wanted to fortify it. Part of those of Kaskaskia will be easily brought thither, or otherwise secured, as circumstances will make necessary.

"You are to apply to General Hand, at Pittsburg, for powder and lead necessary for this expedition. If he can't supply it, the person who has that which Captain Lynn brought from Orleans can. Lead was sent to Hampshire by my orders, and that may be delivered you. Wishing you success, I am, sir, your humble servant.

"P. HENRY."

With these instructions, and twelve hundred pounds in the depreciated currency of the times, Colonel CLARK started (on 4th February) for Pittsburg. His intention was to recruit the seven companies east of the Alleghanies, but was unable to do so, the people of that section of country feeling the need of all their available militia. After much delay and labor, Colonel CLARK started down the Ohio with three companies instead of seven. On arriving at the falls of the Ohio he took possession of and fortified Corn Island, opposite to the spot now occupied by Louisville.

On the fourth of July, Clark and his party drew near Kaskaskia. Concealing themselves until nightfall, they crossed the river and broke into the quiet streets of that place like a troop of Indians on the warpath, surprising and terrifying the people beyond description. To add to the terror of the occasion, the people had been led by the British to believe

that the Virginians were the most cruel, bloodthirsty, and vengeful people on the earth. Such was their belief in this statement that a deputation waited upon CLARK and asked leave to assemble in the church for a last farewell, previous to being carried into captivity.

The upshot of the whole matter was that CLARK informed them that he and his men were humane and not savages, and explained fully the condition of affairs between the States and the mother country. They finally became so pleased with CLARK and his generosity, that they not only declared themselves adherents of the State of Virginia, but persuaded the people of Cahokia to surrender and take the same pledges.

Thus, without the loss of a single life, and no bloodshed whatever, Kaskaskia passed from the possession of the English into that of Virginia, thus experiencing a second change of masters. How different a scene took place that very night in the beautiful Valley of the Wyoming. On that same night, while the soldiers of CLARK scared the Kaskaskians with pretended ferocity, the Valley of Wyoming echoed with real shrieks of rage and pain, and swam with blood shed by white men; for the leaders in that massacre were Tories.

In October following the reduction of Kaskaskia, the House of Delegates of the Virginia Commonwealth, taking immediate advantage of the same, created the county of Illinois, and appointed JOHN TODD Lieutenant Colonel and Civil Commandant, and on the 23d of November, 1778, CLARK and his men received the thanks of the House.

In the year 1800, the Territory of Indiana was formed.

CHAPTER II.

1805-6-7.

On the 9th day of March, 1805, the following letter was addressed to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—Greeting:

"The subscribers, and many others of our brethren in the counties of St. Clair and Randolph, beg leave to approach your worshipful body and state to you that they are far removed from those social enjoyments which they once as Masons have experienced; that from the growth of population many worthy and respectable brethren have settled, and many more will soon come to this country; and that your suppliants, from a sense of duty incumbent on them as Masons and as men, to promote their mutual happiness, the happiness of their neighbors, and as far as in their power lies, humanize society; and furthermore, to impress on their memory what has long been written on their hearts. Wherefore, your suppliants thus presume to approach your worshipful body and request that, if in your councils you think it expedient, your worshipful body will grant to your suppliants a warrant, or if that can't be obtained, a dispensation, authorizing them to hold a regular Lodge in the town of Kaskaskia, appointing such of your suppliants to preside therein as may seem proper to your worshipful body, sending with the said warrant your constitution, all other necessary instructions, and the amount of expenses attending the same, which will be duly remitted by your suppliants, etc., etc.

(Signed)

"ROBERT McMAHAN,

Stanton, No. 13.

WM. ARUNDEL,

St. Andrews' Lodge, No. 2, Quebec.

JAMES EDGAR,

Lodge No. 9, Philadelphia.

MICHAEL JONES,

No. 45, Pittsburg.

JAMES GALBREATH,

No. 79, Chambersburg.

RUFUS EASTON,

Roman Lodge, No. 82, New York.

ROBT. ROBINSON,

Stanton, No. 13.

"INDIANA TERRITORY, KASKASKIA, March 9th, 1805."

To this letter, or petition, the following answer was made:

"We, Israel Israel, Esquire, R. W. Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"To all Free and Accepted Masons, wherever dispersed—Greeting:

"Reposing the greatest confidence in the zeal, fervor, and constancy in the Craft of our worthy and beloved Bro. James Edgar, a Past Master, Ancient York Mason, residing at Kaskaskia, in the Indiana Territory, in the United States, and by virtue of the powers and authorities vested in us, we do hereby authorize and empower, and request him to call to his assistance a sufficient number of known and approved Master Masons to open a Lodge at the town of Kaskaskia aforesaid, and then and there INITIATE, PASS, and RAISE FREEMASONS according to the most ancient and honorable custom of the Craft in all ages and nations throughout the KNOWN WORLD, and not contrarywise, and to make report to us hereon endorsed of their proceedings. This Dispensation to remain in force SIX MONTHS from the date hereof, and no longer.

.....	"Given under our hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge
Seal of the	at the city of Philadelphia, this 24th day of September, in
Grand Lodge of	the year of OUR LORD 1805, and in the year of Masonry, 5805.
Pennsylvania.	(Signed) "ISRAEL ISRAEL, <i>Grand Master.</i>
.....	"Attest: (Signed) GEO. A. BAKER, <i>Grand Secretary.</i> "

This dispensation being received, the Lodge was regularly organized, and Freemasonry planted its foot for the first time on the soil of Illinois.

We shall now go to the record of the Lodge for the proceedings under dispensation:

"INDIANA TERRITORY, RANDOLPH COUNTY, }
KASKASKIA, Saturday, 14th December, 1805, A. L. 5805. }

"In compliance with petition from sundry members addressed to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a dispensation was forwarded by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, dated Philadelphia, 24th September, directed to Brother James Edgar, authorizing him to take to his assistance a sufficient number of members for the purpose of holding a Lodge in the town of Kaskaskia and vicinity, and initiate such as may be approved by the members thereof into the mysteries of Masonry, according to the Most Ancient and Honorable Custom of the Craft.

"Upon which the Worshipful Master, the said James Edgar, called to his assistance Bros. Rufus Easton as Senior Warden, Michael Jones as Junior Warden, Robert Robinson as Senior Deacon, Alexander Anderson as Junior Deacon, and William Arundel as Secretary, all of whom he found on due trial to be Master Masons.

"Whereupon, the Worshipful Master, and others above named, took their seats, and an Entered Apprentice's Lodge was opened in due form.

"On motion,

"Ordered, That the naming of the Lodge be submitted to Bros. M. Jones and Rufus Easton; whereupon it was agreed that this Lodge be styled and known by the name of the 'Western Star Lodge,' Kaskaskia.

"On motion and seconded,

"Ordered, That a subscription be opened for the purpose of raising a sum sufficient to enable the brethren to obtain a warrant and dispensation to institute a Lodge of Ancient York Masons at Kaskaskia, to be styled the Western Star Lodge. The sums that may be subscribed by the brethren to be placed to their

respective accounts on the credit side of the same, and the Lodge to be debtor, which sums so subscribed to be discharged in due proportion out of the first moneys that may be paid into the treasury from initiation fees or otherwise. The said subscription to be presented in open Lodge only, and to none except such as now are or may become members of this Lodge.

"On motion,

"*Requested*, That Bros. M. Jones and R. Robinson be a committee to prepare rules or regulations for the government of this Lodge, and to report the same from time to time, for the approbation thereof.

"Whereupon, the Lodge closed in harmony, until the first Saturday in January next, unless otherwise found necessary by the Worshipful Master."

The lodge worked under the dispensation thus granted until March 24th, 1806, holding meetings on December 14, 1805 (which is given in full heretofore); December 27, 1805, at which no business was transacted; January 4, 1806, at which meeting the petitions of Andrew Henry, Walter Fenwick, and George Bullitt, of Ste. Genevieve, Louisiana Territory, were received and referred; January 16, 1806, at which a regular code of by-laws was adopted. There is nothing of more than ordinary character in these by-laws, and might be well adopted by some of our Lodges of the present day. The following signatures are appended to the same: "James Edgar, Master; Michael Jones, Senior Warden; James Gilbreath, Junior Warden; R. Robinson, Alex. Anderson, Wm. Arundel, Secy.; Charles Querey, 3rd Feb., 1806; Walter Fenwick, 17th Feb., 1806; George Bullitt, 17th Feb., 1806; John Hays, 18th Feb., 1806; John Hay, 18th Feb., 1806; Francois Vallee, Louis Lasouse Moreau, Stephen Foster, and George Fisher, 1st March, 1806; A. Henry, 24th March, 1806; James Moore, 1st Nov., 1806; Henry Dodge, 6th Dec., 1806; Thomas Oliver, 6th Dec., 1806; Benjamin Young, 3rd Jan., 1807; James Dunlap, 3rd Jan., 1807; J. Finney, 10th Feb., 1807; David Robinson, Sr., 10th Feb., 1807. These are the dates of their several initiations—commencing with Charles Querey—as all Entered Apprentices were members of the lodge, and all business transacted in that degree, save the conferring of the second and third degrees, installation of officers, and trial of charges against members. The petitions of John Hay and John Hays, of Cahokia, were received and referred at this meeting, and officers elected as follows: Michael Jones, Senior Warden; James Gilbreath, Junior Warden; Robert Robinson, Treasurer, and William Arundel, Secretary, to serve during the dispensation. Feb. 1st, 1806, six brethren present and three visitors: Francis Moore, of Kentucky, No. 1; Robert Terry and John Scott of Melchisedec Lodge No. 17, New Madrid, Louisiana. Petitions of Charles Querey and Stephen Foster received and referred. Walter Fenwick, George Bullitt, John Hays, John Hay, and Charles Querey, elected.

February 3rd, 1806.—Six brethren present, and brethren Moore and Terry visiting. Charles Querey initiated, which was the first initiation on record within the limits of our State—sixty-two years ago.

February 4th.—Six brethren present. Charles Querey passed, and, on February 5th, seven brethren being present, Brother Querey was raised.

February 17.—Five brethren, and two visitors, viz; Terry and William Hickman, of Lodge No. 1, Nashville, present. Walter Fenwick and George Bullitt, of St. Genevieve, duly initiated. Petitions of Francois Vallee, Louis Lasouse Moreau, received and referred.

February 18.—Seven brethren and two visitors present. John Hay and John Hays, of Cahokia, initiated.

February 19.—Five brethren and one visitor present. Brethren John Hay and John Hays passed.

March 1st.—Stated meeting. Seven brethren and one visitor present. Walter Fenwick and George Bullitt, passed. Petition of "Doctor George Fisher," of Kaskaskia, received and referred. Francois Vallee, Louis Lasouse Moreau, Stephen Foster, George Fisher, initiated.

March 10th.—"Extra Lodge." Seven brethren present. George Fisher and Stephen Foster passed, and John Hays and John Hay raised.

March 16th.—"Extra Lodge." Seven brethren and three visitors present. The visitors were Robert Terry, "Wm. Mitchell, of Lodge No. 7, Natchez", Isaac Darnielle of the Lodge George No. 32, State of Virginia. Francois Vallee, Louis Lasouse Moreau, passed.

March 17th.—"Extra Lodge." Five brethren and one visitor (Isaac Darnielle) present. George Fisher and Stephen Foster raised.

March 24th.—"Extra Lodge." Six brethren and two visitors (Francis Moore, and "Thomas F. Reddick, Solomon Lodge No. 30") present. Francois Vallee, Louis Lasouse Moreau, raised, and Andrew Henry initiated, passed, and raised. This was the last meeting held under the dispensation. The next meeting was held September 13th. In the meantime the following petition had been prepared and forwarded:

"KASKASKIA, April 13, 1806.

"To the R. W. Grand Master and brethren of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pa.:

"BRETHREN:—We the subscribers, members of a Lodge holden at Kaskaskia under a dispensation granted by order of your worshipful body, in pursuance of our former petition, beg to solicit a fulfillment of your promise contained in your letter accompanied by your said dispensation, directed to Brother James Edgar, of granting a warrant and dispensation to constitute a Lodge at Kaskaskia, to be styled the Western Star Lodge. Brothers James Edgar, Michael Jones, and James Gilbreath, M. M., and formerly members of Lodges constituted under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (as will more fully appear by a reference to the communications made to your worshipful body, by the several Lodges of which they have been members) have been elected officers of this Lodge, for the time being, to whom the warrant may issue. Assurances

having been given by Bro. James Edgar, that Bro. Robert Robinson has regularly passed the chair, we do therefore desire that the dispensation for constituting the Lodge may be directed to him. Your dispensation with our proceedings endorsed thereon, as also the amount of your fees, you will find herewith enclosed.

"We are R. W. Sir and Brethren, yours fraternally,

(Signed)

"JAS. EDGAR, W. M.

MICHAEL JONES, S. W.

JAS. GILBREATH, J. W.

ROBT. ROBINSON, *Treasurer.*

WM. ARUNDEL, *Secretary.*"

The following recommendations and certificate accompanied this petition:

"We the subscribers, formerly members of lodges constituted under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and present members of Western Star Lodge at Kaskaskia, do recommend the prayer of the foregoing petition to the consideration of the W. M. and members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

(Signed)

"JAS. EDGAR,

MICHAEL JONES,

JAS. GILBREATH.

"Recommended by

"ANDREW WILSON, *P. M. No. 9.*

JOHN BOYD, *P. M. No. 2.*

JAS. WILKINS, *P. M. No. 9.*

"We do certify that Bro. Robert Robinson has proved himself to us, a P. M. of a warranted lodge of Ancient Y. M.

(Signed)

"JAS. EDGAR,

JAS. GILBREATH."

The action taken by the Grand Lodge was as follows:

"The return to a dispensation granted by the late R. W. Grand Master on the 24th of September last, directed to Bro. James Edgar, authorizing him to open and hold a Lodge at Kaskaskia, in the Indiana Territory, in the United States, for the term of six months from the date of said dispensation, was read; also, a letter from Bro. Edgar, dated 14th April last, respecting their proceedings under said dispensation, and also a petition from Bro. Edgar and several other brethren who had been members of said Lodge held under the aforesaid dispensation, praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge at Kaskaskia aforesaid, to be called the Western Star Lodge, and that Bro. James Edgar might be named Master, Bro. Michael Jones Senior Warden, and Bro. James Gilbreath Junior Warden of the same.

"Which petition being duly recommended according to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, on motion made and seconded,

"Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the Grand Secretary make out warrant accordingly, and the same be numbered 107."—
[Extract from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held at Philadelphia, Monday, June 3, 1806.]

The warrant (or charter) was accordingly issued and forwarded, accompanied by the following:

"We, James Milnor, Esq., R. W. Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging: "
"To Bro. Robt. Robinson, a Past Master Mason—Greeting:

"Reposing the greatest confidence in your zeal, fervor, and constancy in the Craft, We do, by virtue of the Powers and Authorities in Us vested, hereby authorize and empower you to call to your assistance a sufficient number of known and approved Past Master Masons to open and constitute a new Lodge at Kaskaskia, in the Indiana Territory, in the U. S., and there to proceed to the Installation of our worthy Bro. James Edgar, Master elect, and other officers of a new Lodge there to be established and constituted, to be called the "Western Star Lodge" number one hundred and seven, according to the most ancient honorable custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and amongst all nations throughout the known world, and not contrarywise, and make report to us hereon endorsed of your proceedings. This dispensation to remain in force three months from the date thereof.

<p>..... Seal of the Grand Lodge. </p>	<p>"Given under our hand and the seal of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at the city of Philadelphia, this 18th day of June, in the year of our Lord 1806, and of Masonry 5806. (Signed) "JAS. MILNOR, Grand Master.</p>
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"Attest: GEO. A. BAKER, Grand Secretary."

Accordingly, on Saturday, 13th September, 1806, A. D. 5806, the Lodge assembled.

Bro. Robert Robinson in the chair, who "called to his assistance brothers James Gilbreath, as Senior Warden; and William Arundel, Junior Warden; when a *Pass Masters' Lodge* was opened, and Brother James Edgar was installed the Worshipful Master of said (Western Star No. 107) Lodge. The *Pass Masters' [Lodge]* was closed and by virtue of a warrant from the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania dated the second day of June, 1806, creating the lodge at Kaskaskia, in the Indiana Territory, called the Western Star Lodge No. 107, a Master Masons' Lodge was opened in due form."

Bro. Edgar then installed Michael Jones, Senior Warden; James Gilbreath, Junior Warden; William Arundel, Secretary; Robert Robinson, Treasurer and Senior Deacon; George Fisher, Junior Deacon and Steward. The by-laws under dispensation were adopted for the time being, and the lodge closed.

On the twentieth of October the following was forwarded:

"WESTERN STAR LODGE, No. 107.

"Agreeably to the within dispensation to me directed, to open and constitute a new Lodge of Ancient York Masons, at Kaskaskia, and to install the W. M., Bro. James Edgar, and others, the officers thereof, on the 13th day of September, 1806, I took to my assistance a sufficient number of known and approved Past Master Masons, and proceeded to open and constitute a new Lodge under the warrant of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, bearing date of the second day of June, 1806, to the brethren here granted;

"Whereupon, the W. M., Bro. James Edgar, and the other officers of this Lodge in the said warrant mentioned, were duly installed, and invested with the ensigns of their respective offices, and the Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed)

ROBERT ROBINSON,

Appointed to constitute Lodge No. 107.

KASKASKIA, Oct. 20, 1806.

October 4th.—Ten brethren and one visitor present. The visitor on this occasion was "Shadrach Bond, Jr., of Temple Lodge No. 26, Registerstown, Baltimore county, Maryland." Petitions of "Captain James Moore, of St. Clair county, Henry Dodge and Thomas Oliver, of Ste. Genevieve, for initiation, and Shadrach Bond, for affiliation," received and referred. Breth. Bullitt, Jones, Robinson, Fisher, Henry, and Arundel, "or a majority of them," were appointed a Committee on By-Laws.

November 1st.—Four brethren present. Lodge opened on first degree, and "Captain James Moore initiated."

December 6th.—Seven brethren and three visitors (Thomas Fenwick, John Scott, and "Otho Schrader, of Lodge No. 84, Somerset county, State of Pennsylvania") present. Petition of Benjamin Young received and referred. The first election under the charter was held at this meeting, and resulted as follows: James Edgar, Worshipful Master; Michael Jones, Senior Warden; Andrew Henry, Junior Warden; Robert Robinson, Treasurer; William Arundel, Secretary; Francois Vallee, Senior Deacon; George Bullitt, Junior Deacon. Henry Dodge and Thomas Oliver initiated, and George Bullitt raised. Breth. Edgar, Robinson, and Arundel were appointed a committee of arrangements for a festival on St. John's Day.

December 27th.—Thirteen brethren and six visitors present. The visitors were Robert Terry, Thos. F. Reddick, Otho Schrader, "John Hapburn, of No. 12, Maryland," "Dr. A. Elliott," "William Mitchel, No. 23, Ontario Lodge, State of New York." Bro. Shadrach Bond was elected to membership. Petition of a number of brethren at St. Genevieve for a Lodge, was duly recommended. Of this Lodge the "Dr. A. Elliott" mentioned above was the first Master; Andrew Henry Senior, and George Bullitt Junior Wardens, both of the Lodge at Kaskaskia, but residents of Ste. Genevieve. No mention is made of the festival, but that they did celebrate St. John's day, is to be judged from the following entry: "Not having time to enter sundry proceedings, at this moment, *Ordered*, That they be entered at length on record by the Secretary," which that officer failed to do.

January 3d, 1807.—Seven brethren and one visitor ("Dr. James Dunlap, of St. Paul's Lodge No. 54, or 64, State of New York") present. Petition of James Finney for initiation, and "Doctor James Dunlap"

for affiliation, received and referred, the latter being acted on instantler, and Bro. Dunlap elected to membership. Benjamin Young initiated.

January 5th.—Six brethren present. Benjamin Young passed.

January 7th.—Eight brethren present. Petitions of Henry Connor and Truman Tuttle received.

February 10th.—Eight brethren present. James Finney and David Robinson initiated. In the record of this meeting is the first record of a lecture being delivered to the candidate: "Also, David Robinson, Sr., an applicant balloted for last Lodge night, received the benefit of the first step in Masonry, returned and gave thanks for the same, and after a wholesome lecture, the Lodge closed," etc.

March 7th.—Twelve brethren and one visitor ("Josiah Millard, Franklin Lodge No. 37, State of New York, introduced as a Master Mason") present. Breth. Thomas Oliver, James Finney, and David Robinson, Sr., passed. These passings were, as the record shows, conducted separately, and not collectively. Benjamin Young raised. Petition of Jacob A. Boyes received and referred.

March 21st.—Ten brethren present. James Finney and David Robinson, Sr., raised.

April 4th.—Twelve brethren present. Thomas Oliver raised, and sundry accounts presented and allowed.

April 13th.—Eight brethren present. "Doctor Truman Tuttle" initiated.

May 2d.—Eight brethren present. No business of importance transacted.

June 6th.—Present: James Edgar, W. M.; Michael Jones, S. W.; Andrew Henry, J. W.; R. Robinson, Treas.; James Finney, Sec., p. t.; Francois Vallee, S. D.; George Bullett, J. D.; James Gilbreath, Louis Lasouse Moreau; visitors, Robert Terry, William Hickman, Wharton Rector. Henry Dodge passed and raised.. The second election under charter resulted as follows: Michael Jones, W. M.; Robert Robinson, S. W.; and James Finney, J. W.

June 15th.—Seven brethren present. Josiah Millard visiting. Jacob A. Boyes initiated. Breth. Robinson, Gilbreath, Dunlap, Fisher, and Finney were appointed a committee to arrange for celebration of St. John's Day.

June 24th.—St. John's Day. Fifteen brethren and two visitors present. Bro. William Atcheson was admitted, upon petition, a member of the Lodge. A Lodge of Past Masters having been opened, the Master and Wardens were installed. The following appointments were made: James Dunlap, Treasurer; James Finney, Secretary; Francois Vallee, Senior, and George Bullitt, Junior Deacons; George Fisher, Steward.

"The brethren moved in procession from the lodge-room to Bro. Doctor George Fisher's to dinner; returned, and the Lodge closed in harmony at 4 o'clock."

July 4th.—Seven brethren present. No business transacted.

August 1st.—Eight brethren present. No business transacted.

August 2d.—Eight brethren present. Henry Connor initiated, and Jacob A. Boyes passed.

Sept. 5th.—Six brethren present. A Lodge of E. A. opened. Petition of Giles Hull received and referred.

Sept. 19.—Seven brethren present. A communication from the Grand Lodge read, but what the nature of the communication was is not stated.

October 3d.—Eight brethren present. Bro. Alexander Anderson demitted, and ten dollars voted to the Secretary for services.

November 7th.—Nine brethren present. The members of the Lodge residing at St. Genevieve were demitted, they having cast their fortunes with Louisiana Lodge No. 109, which was the first Lodge planted on the soil of Missouri, the dispensation and charter for which (we think) emanated from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

November 9th.—Eight brethren present. "Doctor Truman Tuttle" passed.

November 20th.—Ten brethren present. Bro. Henry Connor passed, and Truman Tuttle raised.

December 5th.—Seven brethren present. Third charter election; the following were elected: Michael Jones (re-elected), W. M.; Robert Robinson, Senior, and George Fisher, Junior Wardens. Upon motion, the Treasurer and Secretary were elected by ballot, they having previously been appointed. William Arundel was elected Secretary, and Doctor James Dunlap, Treasurer. James Finney and David Robinson, Sr., were appointed Deacons.

Petition of Joseph McFerron received and referred, a committee appointed to prepare for St. John's Day, and an invitation extended to Louisiana Lodge to partake of the festivities of the day with them.

December 24th.—Seven brethren present. Henry Connor raised.

December 27th.—St. John's Day. Ten brethren and three visitors present. Lodges of E. A. and F. C. were opened and closed, and a lodge of Master Masons opened, and the officers installed. This is the first instance of the installation of the Master without a lodge of Past Masters having been opened. The lodge of M. M. was then closed and a lodge of F. C. opened. Petition of "Thomas Todd, Esquire," received and referred. By a unanimous vote, the brethren proceeded to the house of Bro. Doctor George Fisher, "Clothed," and there partook of refreshments. No mention is made of the attendance of the brethren from "the other side."

CHAPTER III.

1808-9-10.

January 2nd, 1808.—Eight brethren present. Messrs. McFerron and Todd elected.

February 6th.—Eight brethren present. Bro. "Uriah Brooks, Western Star Lodge No. 59, South New York," visiting. Joseph McFerron and Thomas Todd initiated. Petition of "Doctor Caldwell Cairnes" received and referred. The lodge had been in the habit of immediately balloting upon petitions, upon which committees reported instant: but at this meeting resolved that all petitions should lie over from one regular meeting to another before balloting.

February 10th.—Eight brethren present. Joseph McFerron passed.

March 5th.—Eleven brethren present. Bro. Thomas Todd passed, and Bro. Jacob A. Boyes raised.

March 17th.—Six brethren present. Joseph McFerron raised.

April 2nd and May 7th.—Six brethren present. No business beyond opening and closing.

June 4th.—Present: Jones, Robinson, Gilbreath, Arundel, Dunlap, Finney, David Robinson, Edgar, Connor; Jacob Fisher, visiting. Fourth election—Robert Robertson, elected W. M.; James Gilbreath, S. W.; George Fisher, J. W.; James Dunlap, Treasurer; William Arundel, Secretary. Petition of Philip Fouke received and referred. "Distant members" ordered notified to attend on the 27th June. Immediately following this, record is made by the Secretary, to the effect that notifications for brethren Todd, Bond, Boyes, and Rector, were sent by Bro. Rector's son, June 13th. Notifications to brethren John Hay, John Hays, William Atcheson, Dr. Truman Tuttle, and *citations* to brethren Benjamin Young and Captain James B. Moore, sent under cover to Bro. John Hays, Cahokia, by "Mr. Joseph Charless, printer, on his way to St. Louis to purchase material."

June 23d.—Thirteen brethren present. "Doctor Caldwell Cairnes" initiated, and Thomas Todd raised.

June 24th.—St. John's Day. Eighteen brethren and three visitors present. The visitors were "James Henderson, of Lodge No. 234, County Tyrone, Ireland—a Sergeant in the United States army—Master Mason, and Past Master. Michael Immael, of Lodge No. 79, Chambersburgh (Pa.), and Jacob Kimble, Louisiana Lodge No. 109," both lieutenants in the United States Army, and stationed at Fort Chartres. The officers were duly installed (a Lodge of Master Masons being opened), and it is presumed a banquet was held—but no mention is made. A code of by-laws was adopted at this meeting, of which the following synopsis is given:

"BYE-LAWS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE WESTERN STAR LODGE No. 107, ADOPTED ST. JOHN'S DAY, 24TH JUNE, A. L. 5808, AT KASKASKIA:

"WHEREAS, It is essential to the Beauty, Harmony, and Strength of our Ancient Society that the Laws and Regulations for the government of every Individual Lodge be established agreeably to the first Principles, and also that those first Principles be declared in the Regulations, as well to keep them in perpetual remembrance by the members of the Lodge, as to give information to all who may be desirous to join themselves in the bond of Masonry:

"Be it therefore known, That to become a Brother of our Ancient Craft, a belief in the ETERNAL God as the Great Architect of the Universe is the first Great Essential.

"A Mason is to observe the moral law, and in no case to act against the great inward light of his own conscience.

"He must avoid the errors of bigotry and superstition, making use of his own reason according to that liberty wherewith he is made free.

"He must allow liberty of conscience to all men; having Charity and Brotherly Love for all.

"He must be a good citizen of the State in which he lives, as his obligations thereto will be greatly enforced by his duty as a Mason. He is to be a lover of quiet, and obedient to the civil powers, so far as they infringe not his bounds of reason.

"Treason he must not be concerned in, nor privy to plots against the State, but consider the welfare of his country the peculiar care of a Mason. He must be industrious, and not eat any man's bread for naught.

"He must endeavor to abstain from all malice and slander, and cheerfully obey those set over him, on account of their superior qualifications, however they may be inwardly ranked, for as a Free and Accepted Mason, pre-eminence of virtue and knowledge he is to consider as the only standard of true nobility.

"He must know himself capable of keeping secrets, as it is conferred upon him by the strongest obligations.

"He must be free born, of the age of twenty-one years, of good report, of sufficient natural endowments, with the sense of a man, with an estate, office, trade, or occupation, or some known way of acquiring an honest 'livelyhood.' He must be upright in body, not deformed or dismembered, but of hale and entire limbs, as a man ought to be.

"And for the more immediate well ordering and conducting of this Lodge, it is hereby ordained by the Master, Wardens, and brethren thereof, at this their communication."

Section 1. Provides that the meetings shall be held on the first Saturday of each month, from seven to ten o'clock between March 25th and September 25th, and from six to nine between September 25th and March 25th.

Sec. 2. Provides for election of officers—Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, and Treasurer.

Sec. 3. Provides that, with the *consent* of the Lodge, the W. M. may appoint two Deacons, the Secretary, and a Steward, and provides that if either of the brethren so appointed shall refuse to serve, he shall pay one dollar, unless he had served in a similar office before, in which case the W. M. made a new appointment.

Sec. 4. Provides for the duties of the Treasurer—all the receipts of the Lodge being paid directly to him.

Sec. 5. In a like manner defines the duties of the Secretary.

Sec. 6. Provides for proper order and decorum when the Master takes the chair, and while the Lodge is in session.

Sec. 7. Provides for the manner of putting and deciding questions before the Lodge.

Sec. 8. Provides that a brother may call for the previous question, and the question put, if the motion is seconded *and thirded*.

Sec. 10. "No brother shall rise to speak or interrupt another addressing the Master, unless to call to order; or if any shall mock, deride, or endeavor to ridicule any brother whilst speaking, or while the Lodge is sitting, he shall, on conviction by a majority of the members present, forfeit and pay for the first offense five dollars, and ask pardon of the Lodge and of the offended brother; for the second offense he shall forfeit and pay ten dollars, and ask pardon of the Lodge and the offended brother; for the third offense he shall forfeit and pay fifteen dollars, and ask pardon of the Lodge and the offended brother, and for the fourth offense shall be expelled, and not be re-admitted without the unanimous consent of the Lodge, to be given either by ballot or otherwise, as the Lodge shall determine, and shall pay twenty dollars to the charity fund."

Sec. 11. Provides that the Master shall be the judge of all questions of order.

Sec. 12. Provides that a brother cursing or swearing, or holding an angry dispute, shall be subject to the same penalties as prescribed in section ten.

Sec. 13. That no brother shall improperly harass by suit or suits at law, any other brother of this or any other Lodge, but shall at all times, whenever a dispute exists, give a fair and reasonable opportunity of settling the same in an amicable manner.

Sec. 14. Provides that any brother revealing any of the transactions of the Lodge shall be fined fifteen dollars, or be expelled, and if expelled, should "not be re-admitted at all."

Sec. 15. Provides for the appointment of a Tyler, and defines his duties. In the Tyler's absence the duty devolved upon the "youngest brother present to tyle the Lodge, who shall do the duty of Tyler without reward, under the penalty of five dollars, unless sufficient reason be assigned.

Sec. 16. Appropriated all fines and forfeitures to the charity fund.

Sec. 17. Provided that each and every member pay one dollar and eighty-four cents at each festival of St. John the Evangelist, one dollar for the Charity Fund, and eighty-four cents for the Grand Lodge. The penalty for non-payment of dues was expulsion; *provided*, two-thirds of the members present concurred in such motion. Provides for the withdrawal of members, and serving of notices on members delinquent.

Sec. 18. Provides that every brother and visitor shall pay to the Treasurer before retiring from the lodge room, twenty-five cents for refreshments; and every absent brother was liable to a like charge.

Sec. 19. In regard to visiting brethren.

Sec. 20. Provided for the affiliation of members, and the fees therefor. If a Master Mason wished to affiliate, the fee was four dollars; if an F. C., eight dollars; if an E. A., ten dollars, which fee in the latter case probably entitled the brethren to advancement; one half of such fees to the charity fund, and the other to the contingent fund.

Sec. 21. Provided for the reception, referring, report upon, and balloting upon petitions for initiation, and the fees. The brother initiated paid to the charity fund eight dollars, to the contingent fund eight dollars, to the Secretary one dollar, one dollar to the Tyler, and one dollar for the Grand Lodge dues—nineteen dollars, which sum it is supposed included the degrees of F. C. and M. M.

Sec. 22. "No monies shall ever be taken from the charity fund to pay any contingent expenses of the Lodge, without the consent of two-thirds of the brethren present."

Sec. 23. Whenever the charity fund exceeded one hundred dollars, it was to be loaned.

Sec. 24. Provided for the amendment or alteration of these By-Laws.

Sec. 25. Provided that every member shall sign the By-Laws.

Sec. 26. "All motions to expel a member shall be made at a stated Lodge night, and grounded on written charges, which shall be laid before the Lodge, a certified copy of which charge shall be delivered (if within reach of the Lodge) at least one month before the question shall be taken by the Lodge thereon, and the party so charged shall at the same time be notified to make his defense in writing (if within reach of the Lodge), accompanied with such proofs as he may think necessary to his defense: *Provided, however*, that the testimony of any person not a member of this Lodge shall be taken before a judge or magistrate, a member of this, or any other regular Lodge, and in presence of at least

two disinterested Masons agreed upon and nominated by the parties, giving the opposite party a reasonable notice (if within the reach of the Lodge) of the time and place of taking such testimony.

"*Provided, also*, That if a member be reported to be *not* within the reach of this Lodge (by the report of the Secretary in conformity to the above rule), the proceedings shall be had against him, as though he were within the jurisdiction of the Lodge."

Signed by Michael Jones, W. M.; R. Robinson, S. W.; George Fisher, J. W.; James Dunlap, Treasurer; William Artundel, Sec.; J. Finney, S. D.; David Robinson, J. D.; James Edgar, J. Gilbreath, John Hays, James Hall, Sr., John Hay, Nathan Davis, T. Tuttle, James Hall, Jr., Shadrach Bond, Jr., Enoch Paine, Henry Connor, Byrd Lockhart, Jr., J. A. Boyes, Thomas C. Browne, Thos. Todd, Wm. Bennett, Wharton Rector, T. G. R. Rhea, Cald. W. Cairnes, K. Barton, James B. Moore, Charles McPherson, Philip Fouke, Jesse W. Cooper, W. Fenwick, Warren Brown, Wm. C. Greenup, James M. Duncan, L. LaChapelle, Samuel Omelveny, Thomas Ferguson, Jacob Feaman, E. Owen, John Bivins, John H. Robinson, John Gilliss, Wm. McDonald, Samuel C. Christy, David Scott, 3rd, John W. Nelson, Philip Trammel, John Walls, Thomas C. Patterson, James S. Cheek, Clement C. Conway, Henry S. Dodge, Hipolite Menard, Jephtha Sweet, Daniel S. Swearingen, Robert Latty, Philip Rocheblave, Thomas Reynolds, Samuel Walker, Samuel Smith, David Anderson, Edmund Roberts, Wm. Boon, Josiah T. Betts, William McBride, Jesse Griggs, Seth Converse, Alexander Phillips, Wm. Arundel, Samuel Whiteside, James Clark, Martin Jones, William Alexander, Beal Greenup, John N. Robinson, John Atkins, Ferdinand Onjer, Andrew Buckham, Thomas Brady, John Latty, T. J. V. Owen, D. C. Taggart, Amos Anderson.

July 2nd.—Eight brethren present. Petition of Philip Fouke reported on, but ballot postponed.

August 6th.—Nine brethren present. Petition of Nathan Pusey received and referred. Ballot for Philip Fouke again postponed, and charges against Bro. Benjamin Young postponed, and the Master directed to give Bro. Young full information in relation thereto.

September 2nd.—Eight brethren present. Philip Fouke, initiated, and Bro. J. B. Moore passed.

October 1st.—Six brethren present. "A communication from the Grand Lodge, read, and one copy ordered to be forwarded to the brethren at Cahokia for their information."

November 5th. Six brethren present. No business transacted.

November 30th.—Eight brethren and two visitors (Isaiah C. Dunn, and Ezekiel Fenwick, of Louisiana Lodge No. 109, St. Genevieve) present. Bro. Walter Fenwick raised and demitted, in order to join Louisiana Lodge.

December 3rd.—Eight brethren present. The petition of Nathan Pusey was ordered returned, on ground of insufficient acquaintance with the petitioner." The semi-annual election resulted in the choice of James Gilbreath, W. M.; George Fisher, S. W.; James Finney, J. W.; and James Dunlap, Treasurer.

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December 17th.—Eight brethren present. Philip Fouke passed and raised. Invitation to join in celebration of St. John's Day (Dec. 27) tendered by the Lodge at St. Genevieve accepted. Petition of sundry brethren at Cahokia, asking a recommendation for new Lodge, laid over.*

December 27th.—St. John's Day. Seven brethren present. A Lodge of Past Masters opened, and the Master installed, after which a Lodge of Master Masons was opened and the Senior and Junior Wardens installed.

January 7th, 1809.—Six brethren and one visitor (Bro. Terry) present. James B. Moore raised.

February 4th.—Eleven brethren present. Breth. Henry Connor was appointed Junior Deacon, Robert Robinson, Secretary. Petition of Robert Patton received and referred. Breth. Charles Querey and Stephen Foster expelled.

March 4th.—Nine brethren present. Robert Patton initiated, and Caldwell Cairnes passed and raised.

April 1st.—Nine brethren present. Robert Patton passed.

May 6th.—Eight brethren and two visitors (Breth. Ezekiel Fenwick and "William C. Greenup, of Hiram Lodge No. 4, Frankfort, Kentucky,") present. Charges preferred against two prominent brethren of the Lodge, of defaming the character of the Lodge and its members, and immoral conduct, which were referred to a committee for investigation.

June 3d.—Six brethren present. Among the brethren present at this meeting was Bro. Charles Querey, reported as expelled at a former meeting. We are led to suspect that the term "expelled" used in the record at that time was a misnomer, that the word *exclusion* was intended. The Lodges at that time were in the habit of excluding from all participation in the work of the Lodge, brethren who were in arrears, until such arrears were settled. The semi-annual election was held, and the following brethren elected: James Gilbreath, W. M.; James Finney, S. W.; Henry Connor, J. W.; Michael Jones, Treasurer; Robert Robinson, Secretary; Philip Fouke, Senior Deacon and Steward; and Bro. Robert Patton, Junior Deacon. "Citations" issued for the two brethren against whom charges were preferred at the previous meeting.

June 16th.—Six brethren and one visitor (Bro. Greenup) present. Robert Patton raised. Invitations from the Lodges at St. Louis and St. Genevieve, to join them in celebrating St. John's Day, received, and the latter accepted. The word "Tyler" appears at this meeting, for the first time.

*This petition, signed by brethren "John Hay, Dr. Truman Tuttle, William Atcheson, John Hays, and Caldwell Cairnes, never received the recommendation prayed for, owing to some difficulties in regard to dues.

June 24th.—Six brethren present. Officers installed, Lodge closed, and brethren proceeded to Ste. Genevieve.*

July 1st.—Seven brethren present. Bro. Greenup visiting. The Lodge was called to try the charges previously presented, but the Secretary having failed to issue the proper notice, the Lodge was closed without taking any steps in the matter.

August 5th.—Seven brethren present. Called for the same purpose as the preceding meeting, and with the same result, and for the same cause.

September 2d.—Six brethren present. The same remarks concerning the meeting of July 1st will apply to this.

October 7th.—Nine brethren present. Bro. Greenup visiting. Same proceedings as at the meeting of July 1st.

November 4th.—Ten brethren present. Breth. E. Fenwick and "John Donohue, Louisiana Lodge No. 109, Ste. Genevieve," visiting. The Secretary ordered to make full returns to the Grand Lodge, and Breth. Arundel, Finney, and Fouke appointed a "Finance Committee."

December 2d.—Ten brethren present. Breth. Greenup and Jacob Fisher visiting. One of the brethren against whom charges were preferred presented a communication to the Lodge and requested that the Lodge at St. Louis might be "deputised" to try the charges. The document was referred to a committee of five to report upon at the next meeting. Bro. William C. Greenup was admitted upon petition. The semi-annual election resulted in the choice of Breth. George Fisher, for W. M.; James Finney, S. W.; William Arundel, J. W.; Henry Connor, Treasurer. An invitation was ordered to be sent to the brethren at Ste. Genevieve for St. John's Day.

December 27th.—Six brethren present. W. M., S. and J. Wardens installed in a Lodge of *Past Masters*. Breth. Greenup appointed Secretary, Fouke S. D. and Steward, and Bro. Patton Junior Deacon. No mention of the celebration of the day, or of any attendance from Louisiana Lodge, is made.

January 6th, 1810.—Eight brethren present. Committee on "the charges" reported, and report ordered to "lie over for consideration."

January 13th.—Eight brethren present. No business beyond the appointment of a Finance Committee transacted.

February 3d.—Six brethren present. Bro. John Hay is reported as a visitor, although there is no record of his demission. Petition of Louis LaChappelle received and referred. Finance Committee granted further time, and "charges" laid over to next meeting.

No meeting in March.

*There is no record (and the record states plainly Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens), at any time, of the installation of any officer below the Junior Warden.

April 7th.—Seven brethren present. "All business postponed to next stated Lodge night."

May 5th.—Eight brethren present. John Gordon, of Union Lodge No. 1, Ohio, visiting. No business of any importance transacted.

May 17th.—Eight brethren present. Louis LaChappelle initiated.

June 2d.—Five brethren present. Lodge opened on the *first* degree. William C. Greenup elected W. M.; James Finney, S. W.; Philip Fouke, J. W.; and Thomas Todd, Treasurer. In consequence of their all having the "chills," all unfinished business was "postponed." Invitations to the Lodges at St. Louis and Ste. Genevieve to join in celebrating St. John's Day were ordered to issue.

June 24th.—Ten brethren and four visitors present. The visitors on this occasion were "Harvey Lane, late of Russellville Lodge, Kentucky; Benjamin Stephenson, late of Hagerstown No. 33 (Maryland); Thomas T. Crittenden, of St. Genevieve Lodge No. 109,* and Robert Elliott, late of a Lodge held at Carlyle, Pennsylvania, under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania." A Lodge of Past Masters was opened, Shadrach Bond presiding, when the Master and Wardens were installed. This being done, a Lodge of Master Masons was opened. The following appointments were made: William Arundel, Secretary; George Fisher and Robert Patton, Deacons, "when the brethren proceeded in procession to Bro. P. Fouke's, and partook of a repast there, and returned to the lodge-room in the same manner. At Bro. P. Fouke's the brethren were visited by Bro. Andrew McCormick, of Lodge No. 137, of Loughbrickland, of Ireland, Orange Body, and introduced as a Fellow Craft."

July 7th.—Nine brethren present. Bro. Thos. C. Crittenden visiting. The Finance Committee were "ordered" to report at next meeting; Bro. Tuttle "ordered" to be present at the September meeting, and petition of Ezra Owen received and referred.

August 4th.—Thirteen brethren present. Breth. McCormick, Crittenden, and "Major Taylor, Abraham Lodge No. 8, Kentucky, a M. M.," visiting. Ezra Owen initiated. The brethren against whom charges were preferred were "cited" to appear at the October meeting. The Finance Committee were granted further time to report.

September — (1st Saturday).—Seven brethren present. "Bro. David C. Knox, of No. 19, Philadelphia, a M. M.," visiting. Ezra Owen passed. All unfinished business "postponed" until next meeting.

October 6th.—Twelve brethren present. "John Robinson, of Lodge No. 13, Virginia, a M. M.," visiting. Louis LaChappelle passed. A Lodge of Master Masons being opened, Bro. James Edgar "came forward" and answered to certain charges alleged against him, and having

*This is a mistake in the record. The name of the Lodge was Louisiana, not St. Genevieve.

made suitable apologies, a *fine* of *twenty-five* dollars, previously assessed against him, was remitted. "Doctor Truman Tuttle" was expelled.

November 3d.—Ten brethren present. Breth. John Robinson and "Thomas W. Thruston, of Abraham Lodge No. 8, Kentucky, an E. A.," visiting. The time of meeting was changed from Saturday to "1st Thursday of each month." "The Junior Brethren having retired, a Lodge of Master Masons opened," and Bro. Ezra Owen raised.

November 8th.—Twelve brethren present. Bro. Louis LaChappelle raised.

December 6th.—Nine brethren present. The election resulted in the choice of Bro. James Finney for W. M.; James Gilbreath, S. W.; Michael Jones, J. W.; and Ezra Owen, Treasurer.

December 27th, St. John's Day.—Ten brethren present. The following appointments were made: William Arundel, Secretary; David Robinson, Senior Deacon; James Edgar, Junior Deacon; and James Gilbreath, Steward. A Lodge of *Master Masons* was then opened, and *all* the officers installed, being the first instance of the installation of any officer below Junior Warden.

CHAPTER IV.

1811-12-13.

January 13, 1811.—Five brethren present. Lodge opened on the *first* degree, and all business postponed until next meeting.

February 7th.—Nine brethren present. No business transacted.

March 7th.—Eleven brethren present. Breth. Knox and "Thomas Ferguson, of Lodge No. 87, Yorktown, South Carolina," visiting. Bro. Ferguson was admitted a member upon petition. Dr. Dunlap "reported for not paying up Lodge dues."

April 5th.—Twelve brethren present. The only business before the Lodge was the consideration of "Doctor James Dunlap's" delinquency as regarded Lodge dues, the consideration of which, upon motion of Bro. Todd, was "postponed for two years."

May 3d.—Seven brethren present. No business transacted.

June 7th.—Nine brethren present. "Wm. O. Allen, of St. Louis Lodge No. 111, a M. M.," visiting. The following officers were elected: Wm. C. Greenup, W. M.; John H. Robinson, S. W.; James Edgar, J. W.; Michael Jones, Treasurer. Petition of Wm. McDonald, "of Harrisonville," received and referred.

June 15th.—Nine brethren present. A Finance Committee was appointed, and steps taken towards liquidating the liabilities of the Lodge.

June 24th, St. John's Day.—Nine brethren present. "Stated Lodge night; dues" reduced from twenty-five to twelve and a half cents. Bills to the amount of \$150.07½ allowed. What these allowances were for, is not stated, except in one instance, viz.: "Eight dollars to Bro. D. Robinson, for a sword," which proves conclusively that "the grim Tyler with his rusty old sword" was not a myth in those days. "The Junior Brethren having retired, a Lodge of "Pass Masters" was opened, and Bro. Greenup duly installed W. M.; after which, a Lodge of Master Masons was opened, and the S. and J. Wardens, Treasurer, and the following appointed officers installed: Wm. Arundel, Secretary; David Robinson and Louis LaChappelle, Deacons; and Jas. Gilbreath, Steward and Tyler.

July 6th.—Three brethren present. Lodge opened on the *first* degree, but no business transacted.

July 25th.—Six brethren present. Lodge opened on the *first* degree, and petition of David Scott received and referred.

August 2nd.—Seven brethren present. William McDonald and David Scott, initiated.

August 10th.—Seven brethren present. David Scott passed.

September 6th. Six brethren present. Lodge opened on the first, second, and third degrees, and Bro. David Scott raised.

October 4th.—Six brethren present. Lodge opened on the *first* degree, but no business transacted.

October 16th.—Present: Michael Jones, W. M., *pro tem.*; James Edgar, S. W., *pro tem.*; Philip Fouke, J. W., *pro tem.*; James Gilbreath, S. D., *pro tem.*; George Fisher, J. D., *pro tem.*; James Finney, Secretary, *pro tem.* Brethren John H. Robinson and Benjamin Stephenson. The Lodge was called for the purpose of attending the funeral of Bro. Robert Robinson, deceased—"when a M. Mason's Lodge was opened in *ample* form, and proceeded to the place of interment, and after the usual solemnities returned and closed in harmony, &c." This is the first record of a Masonic funeral in the State of Illinois. This funeral took place five years (lacking two months) from the organization of the Lodge, and nearly fifty-eight years ago. Since that time and in those fifty-eight years, the Fraternity grew strong, although nearly annihilated by the fierce gusts of passion, revenge, and ignorance which swept over it; it is to-day proudly triumphant, and holds up its head among the institutions of the earth. And in that time, while the Fraternity has so grown and multiplied, our beautiful funeral service has been listened to thousands of times, demonstrating unerringly that "Earth to earth, dust to dust, and ashes to ashes," is no vain utterance, but teaches a fearful lesson "to all mankind, but more especially the Mason."

November 1st.—Four brethren present. No business beyond opening and closing on the second degree transacted.

December 6th.—Nine brethren present. "Bro. Seth Converse, of Franklin Lodge No. 6, New Hampshire, introduced by Bros. Bond and Todd, as a Master Mason," visiting. Bro. John H. Robinson granted a certificate of "dismissal" in order to join the Lodge at Ste. Genevieve, and Bro. Thomas Todd allowed to "withdraw, he having assigned satisfactory reasons therefor." The following officers were elected: Philip Fouke, W. M.; Wm. C. Greenup, S. W.; James Edgar, J. W.; Michael Jones, Treasurer.

December 27th.—St. John's Day. Five brethren present. Opened on the third degree. A communication from St. Louis Lodge No. 111, regarding the expulsion of "Doctor Truman Tuttle," was received and referred to brethren Greenup, Fouke, Fisher, and Arundel. "The

Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, when the brethren who were not Past Masters withdrew, whereupon the Lodge was again called to labor, the M. M. Lodge closed, and a Past M. Lodge opened. Worshipful Master William C. Greenup, Master; James Edgar, Senior Warden; Michael Jones, Junior Warden; when the Master, Wardens, and Treasurer were regularly installed, and took their seats; after which the Past M. Lodge closed and a Master M's. Lodge opened, and called to refreshment, and the absent brethren called in, and the Lodge called again to labor." It was resolved to remove the Lodge from the house of Bro. Edgar to that of Bro. Greenup. The following appointments were made, but the officers were not installed; William Arundel, Secretary; James Gilbreath and Ezra Owen, Deacons; William C. Greenup, Steward.

January 3d, 1812.—Three brethren present. No business transacted. No meeting in February.

March 6th.—Four brethren present. "The lodge was opened on the first degree. The minutes of the last stated night being called for, it was found that no lodge was held—that the earthquakes, so frequent and alarming at the time, rendered an assemblage of the members almost impossible, and indeed unsafe. The stone house in which the lodge was kept was considerably shattered by the frequent concussions, and was on that evening abandoned by its proprietor, Bro. Greenup, who from the hurry of the moment, in moving his family, forgot to make any arrangements. The books and furniture then became inaccessible to those who had met, and consequently the delinquency on the part of the lodge in not meeting was unavoidable."

April 4th.—Five brethren present. "Brother Aaron Burr, Master Mason, member of Union Lodge No. 40, Connecticut," visiting. The communication from the Lodge at St. Louis was answered, but what the answer was can not be stated, as no record of it was made.

May 1st.—Four brethren present. No business transacted.

June 5th.—Four brethren present. Bro. William Arundel was granted a certificate of "demission," he donating to the lodge all balances due him. This certificate, the original of which is in our possession, reads as follows:

"SUMMA LAUS DEO.

"In the East arose a light, and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not.

"We, the Master and Wardens of Western Star Lodge No. 107, Ancient York Masons, held in the Town of Kaskaskia, in the Illinois Territory, under a regular charter from the Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify that Brother William Arundel, who hath signed his name in the margin, and unto whom we grant these letters, is a regular and duly Registered Master Mason, and has performed all his works amongst us to the entire satisfaction

of his brethren. We therefore pray all the Worshipful Lodges and all Free and Accepted Masons to receive him into Fellowship wherever Providence may allot his abode on Earth.

"In testimony whereof we have hereto set our hands, countersigned by our said Brother and Secretary (no seal for our Lodge being yet provided), at Kaskaskia, this twenty-second day of June, Anno Lucis 5812, Anno Domini 1812.

"P. FOUKE, *Master*,
WM. C. GREENUP, *S. Warden*,
JAMES EDGAR, *J. Warden*."

"MICHAEL JONES, *Sec'y P. T.*"

Bro. David Scott was granted a like certificate. Officers as follows were elected: Michael Jones, W. M.; James Edgar, S. W.; George Fisher, J. W.; Philip Fouke, Treasurer; all of whom had at some time presided over the Lodge.

June 24th.—Four brethren present. Lodge opened on the first, second, and third degrees. The Lodge of Master Masons was then closed, and a Lodge of Past Masters opened, and the Master installed. This Lodge was then closed, a Lodge of Master Masons opened, and the absent brother (Ezra Owen) recalled. The Senior Warden and Treasurer were then installed. The Junior Warden being absent, Bro. Greenup was appointed to act until he should be installed. Breth. Owen and LaChappelle were appointed Deacons.

No meetings were held during the months of July, August, and September.

October 2nd.—Six brethren present. John Caldwell, of Vincennes Lodge No. 15, Indiana Territory, visiting. No business transacted.

No meeting held in November.

December 4th.—Seven brethren present. The Lodge was opened on the first degree in "ample form." The old officers were re-elected.

December 27th.—St. John's Day. Seven brethren present. Breth. John Caldwell and Benjamin Talbott, F. C. of Jerusalem Lodge No. 9, Kentucky, visiting. The Lodge was opened in the first degree and closed, and a Lodge of Fellow Crafts opened. Petition of George W. Frazier received and referred. The Master, Wardens, and Treasurer were installed, a Lodge of *Past* Masters being opened. Breth. Owen and LaChappelle were re-appointed Deacons, and Bro. Greenup appointed Secretary. The petition of "Col. Philip Trammell" received, referred, report instant. Candidate elected and initiated.

January 8th, 1813.—Six brethren present. Petitions of Clement C. Conway and Thomas C. Patterson, received and referred, and after the election of Geo. W. Frazier for initiation, the Lodge was closed.

February 5th.—Seven brethren present. Bro. Daniel S. Swearingen visiting. Thomas C. Patterson and Clement C. Conway initiated. Bro.

Gilbreath was ordered to come before the Lodge at its next meeting and show cause why he neglected to attend the meetings of the same.

February 9th.—Six brethren present. Thomas C. Patterson passed.

March 5th.—Seven brethren present. "The Lodge was opened in the first step of Masonry, according to the Ancient Custom. When on examination of Bro. Conway, who prayed to take the step of a Fellow Craft, it was moved the said brother withdraw."* The brother was then passed. Petitions of Leonard White and John McFerron received and referred.

April 2d.—Six brethren present. Petition of Thomas Leavins received and referred.

April 10th.—Five brethren present. Clement C. Conway raised.

May 7th.—Eight brethren present. Petition of "Hypolite (John) Menard" received and referred. Bro. Gilbreath stated his reasons for not attending the meetings of the Lodge, which were deemed reasonable, and he granted a demit. The case of Bro. Dunlap, which was laid over two years before, was taken up and indefinitely postponed.

June 4th.—Ten brethren present. Daniel S. Swearingen, "late of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 33, Maryland," admitted a member upon petition. Bro. Wm. McDonald "examined as to his progress," and passed. John McFerron initiated. William C. Greenup was elected Master; Philip Fouke, Senior Warden; Thomas Todd,† Junior Warden; and Ezra Owen, Treasurer. Breth. Fouke, McFerron, and Greenup were appointed a committee to provide "dinner" for St. John's Day.

June 15th.—Nine brethren present. Hypolite (John) Menard initiated.

June 24th.—St. John's Day. Eleven brethren present. Officers installed, and the following appointments made: Michael Jones, Secretary; Daniel S. Swearingen, and Louis LaChappelle, Deacons; Clement C. Conway, Steward; John Menard, Tyler. Wharton Rector, a member of the Lodge, having been reported by the Grand Lodge as suspended in December, 1805, by Winchester Lodge No. 14, Virginia, a committee was appointed to investigate the matter. No other business transacted.

July 2d.—Eight brethren present. John McFerron passed. Petitions of Philip Rocheblave and Samuel Walker received and referred.

August 6th.—Eight brethren present. Wharton Rector was "unanimously expelled." The case of James Dunlap was again brought up, and he "unanimously expelled." Petition of David Anderson received and referred. Philip Rocheblave and Samuel Walker initiated. Petitions of William Boon and Michael Buyatte received and referred. Bro. Fouke was appointed a committee to procure furniture, and all delinquents were ordered to settle their dues.

*This is the first record of any examination of candidates being had.

†It will be recollected that Bro. Todd was at a previous meeting allowed to withdraw, but there is no record of any subsequent affiliation.

September 3d.—Eleven brethren present. Philip Rocheblave passed, and Thomas C. Patterson raised. Petition of Jesse Griggs received and referred; David Anderson elected; William Boon and Michael Buyatte rejected.*

September 7th.—Nine brethren present. Hypolite (John) Menard and Philip Rocheblave raised.

October 1st.—Seven brethren present. John McFerron passed. Petitions of William Boon and Michael Buyatte received and referred. Samuel Walker raised. Committee on Furniture discharged, and all consideration of that subject "dispensed with."

November 5th.—Eight brethren present. Michael Buyatte initiated. Bro. Greenup, the Master, expressed a desire to withdraw from the Lodge. His communication was made the special order for the next stated meeting.

November 24th.—Twelve brethren present. "Colo. Philip Trammell passed."

November 27th.—Twelve brethren present. Thomas Ferguson raised.

December 3d.—Fifteen brethren present. William Boon initiated. The semi-annual election resulted as follows: For W. M., Wm. C. Greenup; S. W., Philip Fouke; J. W., Clement C. Conway; Treasurer, Philip Rocheblave. Brethren Fisher, Fouke, and Conway were appointed a committee to prepare dinner on St. John's Day.

December 27th.—St. John's Day. Fifteen brethren present. Officers installed, and Michael Jones appointed Secretary; John Menard and Samuel Walker, Deacons; John McFerron, Steward.

*These are the first rejections on record.

CHAPTER V.

1814-15-16.

January 7th, 1814.—Thirteen brethren present. Petitions of Jacob Short, Major John Mordock, and Dr. Allen Mann, were received and referred. Charges were preferred against a brother for absconding “to the great injury of his creditors generally.”

February 14.—Twelve brethren present. Jacob A. Boyce “unanimously expelled.”

March 4th. Eleven brethren present. Brethren David Anderson, Michael Buyatte, and William Boon, “separately” passed.

March 9th.—Eight brethren present. John McFerron, and William Boon, raised.

April 1st.—Twelve brethren present. David Anderson, raised, and petition of Allen Mann withdrawn.

April 16th.—Twelve brethren present. William McDonald raised, and he and Bro. Robert Patton granted demits.

May 6th.—Fourteen brethren present. Michael Buyatte raised, and petition of John Mordock withdrawn. Petitions of James Hall, Jr., and John Cochran received and referred.

June 2d.—Seven brethren present. Michael Jones was elected W. M.; Philip Fouke, S. W.; C. C. Conway, J. W.; and Philip Rocheblave, Treasurer. Petitions of Wm. McBride, John Irwin, and David Fulton, received and referred. The Master was authorized to purchase “15 aprons and sashes.”

June 24th, St. John's Day.—Twenty-three brethren present. Thomas Stewart, of Ark Lodge No. 127, Philadelphia; Benj. Stephenson, William Arundel, and Seth Converse, visiting. The officers (W. M., S. and J. W's.) were installed, and the following appointments made: “Breth. Wm. C. Greenup, Secretary, John Menard and Shadrach Bond, Deacons, Samuel Walker, Tyler, and John McFerron, Steward. After the transaction of business, the brethren proceeded to the “House of Brother Philip Fouke,” and partook of the refreshments prepared for them.”

July 1st.—Eight brethren present. An account of \$26 for aprons and sashes was allowed. A committee appointed at a previous meeting, to procure a room, reported, and granted still further time.

August 5th.—Eight brethren present. William McBride initiated, John Cochran elected, and ballots as to John Irwin and David Fulton postponed.

September 2d.—Nine brethren present. David Fulton and John Irwin rejected. Petitions of James Clark and Robert Foster received and referred.

October 7th.—Six brethren present. Petition of James Hall, Sr., received and referred. Notice was filed of an intention to move an amendment "to a certain by-law," but which by-law, or what the amendment was, does not appear of record.

November 4th.—Ten brethren present. Petition of Elias K. Kane and Matthew Duncan, received and referred. Robert Foster rejected. Thomas Leavins initiated.

December 2d.—Fifteen brethren present. Petitions of Breth. Seth Converse and William Arundel, for affiliation, received, referred, and they elected. William McBride passed. The old officers were re-elected.

December 13th.—Thirteen brethren present. Thomas Shannon, of Jerusalem Lodge No. 9, Kentucky, visiting. Bro. Philip Trammell raised.

1814 December 27th, St. John's Day.—Fifteen brethren present. William C. Greenup was appointed Secretary; John H. Menard, and Shadrach Bond, Deacons; John McFerron, Steward; and Samuel Walker, Tyler. The elective officers were installed, and Matthew Duncan initiated.

January 6, 1815.—Thirteen brethren present. Joshua Nowell, of Jerusalem Lodge No. 9, Kentucky, visiting. A matter of difference having arisen between two of the brethren, Breth. Arundel, Greenup, and Edgar were appointed to try and reconcile the same. A subscription was ordered to be taken, for the purpose of "building a lodge-room." Petition of William Alexander received and referred.

1815 February 3d.—Ten brethren present. The committee to whom that duty had been intrusted, reported that the difficulty between the two brethren, heretofore alluded to, had been amicably adjusted, to the satisfaction of themselves and the committee, "whereupon the Worshipful Michael Jones, Master, congratulated them." James Clark initiated, and Matthew Duncan and Thomas Leavins passed.

March 3d.—Twelve brethren present. William McBride raised.

April 7th.—Fourteen brethren present. Archibald Tanner, Lodge No. 21, Ohio, visiting. Petition of Nathan Davis received and referred. William Alexander initiated.

April 9th.—Eleven brethren present. James Hall, Sr., initiated.

May 5th.—Ten brethren present. A committee appointed to procure a suitable room, and committee on petition of Nathan Davis, granted further time.

May 16.—Twelve brethren present. Wm. Alexander passed.

June 1st.—Twelve brethren present. Enoch Paine visiting. Petition of Byrd Lockhart received and referred. Nathan Davis initiated. The election resulted in the choice of Breth. Shadrach Bond for W. M.; Philip Fouke, S. W.; James Edgar, J. W.; and Clement C. Conway, Treasurer. Breth. Fouke, McFerron, and Conway were appointed a committee to prepare for St. John's Day, and directed to invite Josiah Randall to "preach a sermon on that day."

June 24th.—Nine brethren present. Bro. Greenup was re-appointed Secretary; Breth. Walker and Menard, Deacons; D. S. Swearingen, Tyler, and John McFerron, Steward. James Hall (Jr.) initiated. Breth. Edgar, Walker, and Swearingen were appointed a committee to "instruct the younger brethren." Officers installed.

1815 — July 7th.—Nine brethren present. Matthew Duncan raised. Charges were preferred against a brother, alleging having in his possession, making, and altering forged bank notes, and associating with counterfeiters. The charges were referred to a committee to "collect testimony for and against the charges."

August 4th.—Thirteen brethren present. Enoch Paine having petitioned, was admitted a member. James Hall, Sr., passed.

August 5th.—Thirteen brethren present. Thomas Leavins raised.

August 24th.—Eleven brethren present. Bro. James Gilbreath was summoned to "appear in open Lodge," which appearance the record would have us to infer was put in, but what for we do not know, as the record states "that having gone through the business before them," the Lodge was closed.

September 1st.—Ten brethren present. The Finance Committee reported "thirty-eight dollars, forty-eight cents" in the treasury. This is the first instance of that committee, or, in fact, any committee, except those of investigation, making any reports. The charges against Bro. James Gilbreath "were taken as confessed, he not having appeared or made any defense," and he was accordingly "unanimously expelled by a unanimous vote."

September 3d.—Six brethren present. Nathan Davis passed.

In this month Lawrence Lodge No. 34, at Shawneetown, received its dispensation from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky. R. W. Bro. McCorkle, Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge informs us: "Lawrence Lodge No. 34, at Shawneetown, Illinois, dispensation granted September —, 1815, Daniel Bradford being Grand Master, James G. Trotter, Grand Secretary. Chartered August, 1816, William H. Richardson being Grand Master, Trotter, Grand Secretary. Bro. Meredith W. Fisher was the

first Master of the Lodge. It continued on the register of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky until 1824, when it was dropped, the Grand Lodge of Illinois having been then formed." No further information can be obtained, owing to the fact that the records and archives of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky were destroyed by fire, at Lexington, some years ago.

October 6th.—Nine brethren present. Bro. E. Hockersmith, of Russellville (Kentucky) Lodge No. 17, visiting. Byrd Lockhart initiated. Petition of John Cooper received and referred. "The lodge-room being occupied by a sick person, the Lodge removed to the house of Bro. Jones, by consent," and there Bro. Nathan Davis was raised, the Lodge closing at 12 M.

October 28th.—Nine brethren present. Byrd Lockhart passed.

November 4th.—Thirteen brethren present. Byrd Lockhart raised. Committee on petition of John Cooper granted further time. Bro. Greenup was allowed one dollar twelve and a half cents, postage on "one communication" from the Grand Lodge.

December 2d.—Thirteen brethren present. Committee on petition of John Cooper granted still further time. Shadrach Bond "elected Master pursuant to by-laws," Philip Fouke, "Seignor Warden;" Samuel Walker, Junior Warden; and Clement C. Conway, Treasurer. Breth. Jones, Fouke, and Greenup were appointed a committee to make arrangements for a "Masonic dinner and ball," on St. John's Day, and it was "ordered" that every brother who attended should pay two dollars. Petition of Robert Foster received and referred.

December 27th.—A Lodge of Past Masters was opened: Shadrach Bond, Master; Philip Fouke, S. W.; M. Jones, J. W.; W. C. Greenup, Secretary and Tyler. Shadrach Bond, W. M., and Philip Fouke, S. W., were installed, when the Lodge closed and a Lodge of Master Masons was opened, and the Junior Warden and Treasurer installed, and the Lodge of Master Masons closed and a Lodge of Entered Apprentices opened. Seventeen brethren present. William Bennett, of Hiram Lodge No. 25, New Jersey, visiting. D. S. Swearingen was appointed Secretary; Hypolite Menard and David Anderson, Deacons; Enoch Paine, Tyler, and John McFerron, Steward. Petition of Thomas C. Browne was received, referred, and reported on instantler, and the candidate initiated. The Lodge then proceeded to the house of Bro. Fouke, and partook of a "Festival Dinner," and "returned to the Lodge in order."

January 2nd, 1816.—Ten brethren present. James Hall, Jr., and Thomas C. Browne passed.

January 6th.—Ten brethren present. Bro. James B. Edwards, Friendship Lodge No. 74, Virginia, visiting. Robert Foster rejected. Petition of Jesse Griggs received and referred. James Clark passed, and Thomas C. Browne raised. A committee was appointed to inquire into the needs of the family of one of the brethren who was absent from home.

January 23d.—Seven brethren present. “The Worshipful Master announced to the brethren the melancholy news of the death of their worthy brother Thomas Todd, who departed this life on Monday evening about 6 o’clock, the 15th instant. The Treasurer was directed to procure crape and *blue ribbon* for the members, the crape to be worn on the hats, and the ribbon at the third button hole of the vest; to be worn thirty days.

February 3d.—Thirteen brethren present. Bro. LaChappelle demitted; also Philip Trammell.

March 2nd.—Fourteen brethren present. James Clark raised. Committees on petitions of Griggs and Cooper granted further time. William Bennett admitted as a member upon petition. Committee on Finances reported \$535.65 due the Lodge. Philip Rocheblave demitted. The original demit, or rather diploma, granted Bro. Rocheblave is in our possession, and as it is a curiosity, it is here inserted:

“WESTERN STARR LODGE No. 107.

“*To all Free and Accepted Masons; Union, Health, and Happiness:*

“We the Masters and Wardens of Western Starr Lodge No. 107, held at Kaskaskia, in the county of Randolph, under the Grand Warrant of Pennsylvania, assembled in Due form adorned with all our honors, do hereby declare and attest to all men enlightened on the face of the earth, that our beloved Bro. Phillip Roachblave, who hath signed his name in the margin, hath been received as an entered apprentice, passed as a fellow Craft; and after having sustained with firmness, strength, and courage, the most painful works and wonderful trials, we have given to him as a recompence, due to his zeal, diligence, and capacity, the sublime degree of Master, and have admitted and initiated him as such into our misteries and secret works in which he has helped us with his talents, skill and knowledge. In testimony whereof, we have granted to him this present certificate, signed by our Master and Wardens, and attested by our Secretary, with the private seal of the said Lodge, the twenty-fifth day of April, in the year of Masonry 5816, and of Salvation 1816.

“S. BOND, W. M.

P. FOUKE, S. W.

SAMUEL WALKER, J. W.

“Attest. D. S. SWEARINGEN, *Secretary.*”

March 4th.—Twelve brethren present. Brethren Joseph McFerron, Sr., of Orange Lodge No. 12, Belfast, Ireland, and Thomas Towles, of Jerusalem Lodge No. 9, Kentucky, visiting. James Hall, Sr., raised.

April 6th.—Seventeen brethren present. Committees on petitions of Messrs. Griggs and Cooper reported, but no ballot was taken.

May 4th.—Seven brethren present. Petition of William Mears received and referred. Jesse Griggs elected.

June 1st.—Ten brethren present. The election resulted in the choice of Bro. Philip Fouke for W. M.; Samuel Walker, S. W.; David Anderson, J. W.; and C. C. Conway, Treasurer.

June 24th.—Nineteen brethren present. Bro. W. Alexander raised. Officers elect installed. Swearingen appointed Secretary; Menard and Paine, Deacons; McBride, Tyler; and Conway, Steward. James Edgar demitted.

516 — July 6th.—Nine brethren present. Charges were preferred against Bro. Matthew Duncan, which the Lodge unanimously refused to receive. He was then granted a demit.

— August 3d.—Six brethren present. Bro. Greenup demitted. —

September —.—Six brethren present. Lodge was removed to the house of Bro. Paine. No other business transacted.

October 5th.—Six brethren present. The Lodge passed a resolution preventing the W. M. from drawing orders on the Treasurer until the next stated meeting.* Petition of Nicholas G. R. Rhea received and referred. The delinquents were notified that if they did not settle by the next St. John's Day, they would be expelled. Fifty dollars was appropriated for refitting the lodge-room.

November 2nd. Ten brethren present. Warren Brown, of Morning Star Lodge, New York, visiting. Petition of William Mears withdrawn. N. G. R. Rhea elected.

December 7th.—Thirteen brethren present. James Dougherty, of Lexington Lodge No. 1, Kentucky, visiting. Bro. Michael Jones was elected W. M.; Samuel Walker, S. W.; David Anderson, J. W.; Enoch Paine, Treasurer. The usual committee of arrangements for the celebration of St. John's Day was appointed, and the Secretary directed to advertise the same in the "public newspaper printed at Kaskaskia." Nicholas G. R. Rhea initiated.

December 27th.—Fourteen brethren present. "David Vought, of Lawrence Lodge No. 34, Shawneetown," visiting. Shadrach Bond and Philip Fouke appointed Deacons; Swearingen, Secretary; and Paine, Steward, and Tyler. The Lodge then proceeded to the house of Bro. William Bennett, and partook of dinner "and other refreshments provided by the committee."

* Bros. Fouke and Swearingen wished to pay the Grand Lodge dues, amounting to some \$60, which some of the brethren did not wish to do, in view of the condition of the finances of the Lodge.

CHAPTER VI.

1817-18-19.

January 4th, 1817.—Six brethren present. C. C. Conway demitted, which was all the business transacted.

February 1st.—Ten brethren present. Petition of Jesse W. Cooper received and referred.

March 1st.—Eleven brethren present. Nicholas G. R. Rhea passed; committee on petition of Jesse W. Cooper granted further time, and Bræth. Bennett and McFerron fined twenty-five cents each, for non-attendance at the previous meeting.

April 5th.—Twelve brethren present. No business, beyond continuing committee on petition of Jesse W. Cooper, transacted, yet the lodge did not close until 10 o'clock P. M., having opened at 6 o'clock.

May 3d.—Fourteen brethren present. "Joseph Philips, of Cumberland Lodge, Tennessee," visiting. N. G. R. Rhea raised. D. S. Swearingen was granted a demit.

June 7th.—Five brethren present. Petitions of Kimber Barton and Charles McPherson received and referred. No election held at this meeting.

June 24th.—Fifteen brethren present. No business transacted, the day being celebrated by partaking of a dinner, at the house of Bro. Bennett.

July 5th.—Nine brethren present. Petition of James Edgar, for affiliation, received, referred, reported on instant, and he elected. Jesse W. Cooper and Kimber Barton elected, and the latter initiated.

August 2d.—Twelve brethren present. "John Arquay, of Lodge No. 12, St. Louis, Missouri Territory," visiting. Charles McPherson initiated. Petition of James M. Duncan received and referred.

September 6th.—Nine brethren present. The Lodge having received notice of the death of Bro. N. G. R. Rhea, it was

"*Resolved*, That the members of this Lodge will, as a token of their grief for the death of their deceased brother, N. G. R. Rhea, wear a piece of black ribbon through the second and third button-holes of their coats for three months."

October 14th.—Eleven brethren present. No business transacted.

November 1st.—Ten brethren present. The committee on the petition of James M. Duncan were granted further time to report, "by reason of the death of Bro. Edgar, one of the committee." "The Lodge being informed that Bro. James Edgar, a member of this Lodge, departed this life on the morning of this day, passed the following resolve :

"Resolved, That the members of this Lodge will meet at the lodge-room on the morrow at one o'clock, and proceed therefrom to the house of their deceased brother, James Edgar, long a member, and one of the founders of the Lodge, and attend the funeral, and pay him Masonic honors; and that the members of Louisiana Lodge No. 109, at Ste. Genevieve, be invited to attend at Kaskaskia at three o'clock on to-morrow evening, and that a special messenger be engaged by the Treasurer to carry the notice and information to the Louisiana Lodge in such way as the Worshipful Master may direct."

Petition of Antoine Z. Chenet received and referred. It having been represented to the Lodge that the "Mill House, lately built for Gov. Edwards, on Mary's river, by Bro. Edward Hockersmith," had been carried away by an "unusual flood," whereby Bro. H. lost all his tools, the Treasurer was directed to loan Bro. H. whatever sum could be spared from the treasury.

Sunday, November 2, 1817.—Present: "M. Jones, W. M.; S. Walker, S. W.; D. Anderson, J. W.; E. Paine, Treas., and Tyler p. t.; Wm. C. Greenup, visiting, Sec'y p. t.; H. Menard, S. D. p. t.; P. Fouke, J. D.; John McFerron, W. McBride, Michael Buyatte. Visitors: John Donahue, Henry Kiel, Nathan Pusey, E. Roberts, Sebastian Butcher, of Louisiana Lodge No. 109. The Lodge was opened on the third degree. The brethren then proceeded to the house of their deceased brother, James Edgar, and thence to the place of interment, where the body was buried with Masonic honors.

December 6th.—Ten brethren present. "Wm. M. Alexander, of Haymarket Lodge No. 57, Virginia," visiting. Petitions of George Day and Edward Humphreys received and referred. The Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing twelve months, with the following result: Samuel Walker was elected W. M.; Shadrach Bond, S. W.; Hypolite Menard, J. W.; Enoch Paine, Treasurer.

December 8th.—Ten brethren present. "Samuel Smith, of Essex Lodge, Massachusetts," visiting. Jesse W. Cooper initiated.

December 27th.—Seventeen brethren present. "Josiah Betts, M. M. No. 46, New York," visiting. The officers elect were installed, and the following appointed: E. Paine, Steward; P. Fouke and Wm. Bennett, Deacons; John McFerron, Secretary. Petitions of Henry S. Dodge and Samuel Omelveny received and referred. The Lodge then proceeded to the house of Bro. Bennett and partook of dinner.

January 3d, 1818.—Fourteen brethren present. "Thomas Ramsay, of Cincinnati Lodge No. 13," visiting. Petition of Warren Brown, for affiliation, received, referred, and he elected. Petitions of Jacob Feaman and John Bivins received and referred. James M. Duncan and Samuel Omelveny initiated.

January 6th.—Seventeen brethren present. James M. Duncan and Samuel Omelveny passed, and, on January 8th, eleven brethren being present, the same brethren were raised.

February 7th.—Fourteen brethren present. Jacob Feaman and John Bivins initiated. Petitions of John W. Gillis, Samuel C. Christy, John Walls, and John M. Nelson, received and referred. Bro. Jones, "on his way to the Eastern States," was authorized to procure jewels for the Lodge, and was particularly exhorted, in the discharge of his duty, "to have regard to the funds of the Lodge."

March 7th.—Eighteen brethren present. "James H. Rolfe, of Ohio Lodge No. 101," and "John W. Comly, of Frankfort Lodge No. 102," visiting. Committees on petitions of Dodge, Day, Humphrey, and Chenet, were granted further time. Petitions of James Cheek and James B. Robinson were received and referred. John W. Gillis, Samuel C. Christy, John W. Nelson, and John Walls, "separately" initiated.

March 14th.—Fourteen brethren present. John Bivins, Samuel C. Christy, and John Walls passed.

March 21st.—Fifteen brethren present. Jacob Feaman, John W. Gillis, and John W. Nelson passed.

March 27th.—Seventeen brethren present. "Thomas Fuhlin, Potosi Lodge No. 39, Missouri Territory, and Thomas G. Plummer, Philanthropic Lodge No. 50, Maryland," visiting. John Walls and Samuel C. Christy raised.

April 4th.—Twenty-two brethren present. Charles McPherson passed.

April 6th.—Fourteen brethren present. In the rank of the brethren present, Bro. Edmund Roberts, a visitor, is stated to be a "Mark Master." Charles McPherson and Jacob Feaman raised.

April 11th.—Nineteen brethren present. John W. Gillis and John W. Nelson raised.

April 18th.—James S. Cheek passed, and Henry Dodge initiated.

May 2d.—Eighteen brethren present. A difficulty having arisen between two brethren, they were ordered to appear before the Lodge and settle the matter. James S. Cheek raised. Jesse W. Cooper and Henry Dodge passed.

June 6th.—Sixteen brethren present. Petition of Jephtha Sweet received and referred. Jesse W. Cooper raised. Breth. Bond, Brown, and Duncan were appointed a committee to "frame an oration to be delivered on St. John's Day."

June 9th.—Number of brethren not stated. Henry Dodge raised.

June 24th.—Thirty-eight brethren present. Jephtha Sweet initiated. Petition of Robert Lattey received and referred. The Lodge then proceeded to the Court House, and listened to an oration by Bro. James M. Duncan, and thence to the house of Bro. Fouke, and partook of dinner "and other refreshments."

July 4th.—Eight brethren present; but no business transacted, which, considering the day, was nothing to be surprised at.

July 11th.—Seventeen brethren present. Jephtha Sweet passed.

August 1st.—Twelve brethren present. Jephtha Sweet raised.

Two pages of the minutes are missing, and no meetings for September and October appear.

November 7th.—Eighteen brethren present. Petition of Thomas Reynolds, received at last meeting, was reported upon and the candidate initiated. Bro. Sam'l Smith affiliated.

December 5th.—Seventeen brethren present. Thomas Reynolds passed. Officers as follows were elected: Shadrach Bond, W. M.; P. Fouke, S. W.; Samuel C. Christy, J. W.; Warren Brown, Treasurer. It was unanimously agreed to meet the brethren of the Lodge at St. Genevieve, on December 27, and assist them in celebrating the day.

December 23d.—Fourteen brethren present. Thomas Reynolds raised.

December 24th.—Thirteen brethren present. Robert Lattey passed.*

December 27th.—Sixteen brethren present. "David Blackwell, late of Lebanon Lodge No. 5, Kentucky," visiting. Officers elect installed, and the following appointed: Thomas Reynolds, Secretary; John W. Gillis and John W. Nelson, Deacons; Jephtha Sweet, Tyler; Enoch Paine, Steward.

January 2d, 1819.—Eighteen brethren present. "John C. Rochester, of Ark Lodge, Geneva, New York; Daniel D. Smith, Constellation Lodge, New York; Benj. A. Porter, Miami Lodge No. 46," visiting. Petition of Samuel Lybarger received and referred. Petitions of Edmund Roberts and Josiah T. Betts for affiliation, received, and they elected. A committee was appointed to ascertain if Bro. Jones had procured a set of jewels for the Lodge.

February 6th.—Twenty-two brethren present. Petitions of Martin Jones, Samuel Whiteside, and Alexander Philips received and referred. Jesse Griggs initiated.

March 6th.—Thirty brethren present. "James Gillis, Washington Lodge No. 1, Delaware, John Simmons, Greenville Lodge No. 3, Tennessee," visiting. Petition of Samuel Lybarger withdrawn. Bro. Michael Jones was allowed fifty dollars for a set of jewels and a carpet. Bro. Lattey raised. Seth Converse and Jesse Cooper demitted.

*There is no record of this brother's initiation.

March 8th.—Thirteen brethren present. "Bro. P. W. Hight, Nova Scotia Lodge No. —, Cincinnati, Ohio," visiting. Alexander Phillips, Samuel Whiteside, and Martin Jones, "separately" initiated.

March 12th.—Twenty-four brethren present. "James J. Ryan, Erie Lodge No. 19, State of New York," visiting. Jesse Griggs, Alexander Phillips, Samuel Whiteside, and Martin Jones "separately" passed.

March 15th.—Twenty brethren present. Martin Jones and Alexander Phillips raised.

March 16th.—Twelve brethren present. Jesse Griggs and Samuel Whiteside raised.

April 3d.—Eleven brethren present. "Henry Woodworth, of Wayne Lodge No. 124, Erie, Pennsylvania," visiting. No business transacted beyond appointing a committee to revise the by-laws.

May 1st.—Fourteen brethren present. "Samuel Howe, of American Union Lodge No. 1, Marietta, Ohio," visiting. Certain charges preferred against Bro. John Bivins, were not entertained. No further business transacted.

June 5th.—Eight brethren present. William Bennett demitted.

June 8th.—Eleven brethren present. Committee appointed to make arrangements for the proper observance of St. John's Day; after which the Lodge closed.

June 12th.—Ten brethren present. Committee appointed at meeting of June 8th reported, when it was unanimously resolved to invite the Lodge at St. Genevieve.

June 24th.—Thirty-five brethren present, seventeen being visitors. The day was celebrated by partaking of dinner at the house of Bro. Paine.

July 3d.—Eleven brethren present.

July 10th.—Eighteen brethren present.

August 17th.—Six brethren present.

September 14th.—Eleven brethren present.

No business transacted at these four meetings.

October 2d.—Fifteen brethren present. Bro. Michael Jones demitted. The Lodge passed resolutions of regret at losing so old and active a member as Bro. Jones, and appointed a committee to prepare an address to Bro. Jones setting forth this feeling.* James M. Duncan demitted.

The following extracts from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, furnished us by R. W. Bro. Frizzell, are here inserted in order that the chronology may be followed:

"The Most Worshipful Grand Master reported that since the last Grand Annual Communication he had issued a dispensation to sundry

*Bro. Jones had removed to Gallatin county, and the visits he paid his Lodge must have cost him seventy-five or one hundred miles travel.

brethren residing at or near Edwardsville, Illinois, by name of Libanus Lodge No. 29.

"Ordered that a charter issue to Libanus Lodge No. 29, upon receipt of their proceedings, provided, it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master that their work has been in conformity with the principles of Masonry."—[*Proceedings Grand Lodge of Tennessee, A. D. 1819.*]

November 6th.—Eight brethren present, but no business, beyond the excusing of sundry brethren for absence, was transacted.

December 4th.—Nineteen brethren present. "Charles Boon, Clark Lodge No. 54, Louisville; Francis Browne, St. John's Lodge, Onondaga, New York, and Michael Jones," visiting. Edmund Roberts was elected W. M.; Josiah T. Betts, S. W.; W. Brown, J. W.; Jacob Feaman, Treasurer. Petition of Beal Greenup received and referred.

December 11th.—The Lodge was called to consider a communication from Lancaster Lodge No. 43, "but it was received at so late a period that no order was taken." Nine brethren present.

December 27th.—At 8 o'clock in the morning brethren Bond, Fouke, and Walker, assembled, and Bro. Roberts, Master elect, was installed in a Lodge of Past Masters, and that Lodge closed, and a Lodge of Master Masons opened, and called off until 10 o'clock A. M., at which time ten brethren were present, and the remainder of the elective officers installed. Bro. Cheek was appointed Secretary; Bro. Sweet and Reynolds, Deacons; Brethren Sweet and Gillis, Stewards; Bro. Fouke, Tyler. All former committees not having reported, were discharged, and new ones appointed. A committee was appointed to settle with the Treasurers of 1817, 1818, and 1819; and the Secretary ordered to make proper returns to the Grand Lodge; in the performance of which duty, he was authorized to "employ one or more brethren to assist him." Lodge closed at 12 o'clock M.

CHAPTER VII.

1820-21-22.

January 1st, 1820.—Ten brethren present. Beal Greenup initiated, John M. Robinson elected, and the committee on accounts of the several Treasurers of 1817, 1818, and 1819, made a partial report and were discharged.

January 17th.—Thirteen brethren present. John Bivins raised.

January 28th.—Thirteen brethren present. John M. Robinson initiated, and Beal Greenup “advanced to the degree of Fellow Craft.”

February 2nd.—Fourteen brethren present. Beal Greenup raised.

February 5th.—Twelve brethren present. “A. R. Griffin, Independent Royal Arch Lodge No. 2, New York; William G. Cunningham, Fortitude No. 82, Brooklin, Long island; John H. Burns, Mt. Holly No. 18, New Jersey,” visiting. John M. Robinson passed and raised. Bro. John Bivins desired to demit, “and referred his petition to the votes of the members; which being taken, was found to be unanimously in favor of his demittance.”

February 19th.—Fourteen brethren present. Robert Lattey demitted.

March 5th.—Fifteen brethren present. Petition of J. S. Davis received and referred. The Treasurer and Secretary were ordered to attend at an “adjourned meeting on Saturday night next, with their accounts properly digested.” A motion was made to adjourn, “which being put to vote, was unanimously sanctioned; whereupon the Lodge *closed* in peace and harmony, at 9 o'clock P. M.”

March 11th.—“Met pursuant to adjournment.” Twelve brethren present. Ephraim Skinner, of Otsago No. 40, visiting. Bro. Warren Brown introduced the following amendment to the by-laws. “In lieu of the nightly dues, as heretofore required by the by-laws, each member living within ten miles, shall pay quarter-yearly, one dollar. Every member living at a greater distance than ten miles, shall pay half yearly, one dollar; *Provided*, That any member living within ten miles, being necessarily absent on a journey, or by reason of sickness, for the

space of three months, shall, upon excuse being rendered to the Lodge, be charged only half price." Lodge closed.

April 1st.—Twelve brethren present. Michael Buyatte demitted. All business postponed, and the Lodge adjourned to the 15th April.

April 15th.—"Met pursuant to adjournment." Ten brethren present. The late Treasurer "ordered" to attend at the next meeting, and Bro. Brown's amendment laid over.

May 6th.—Fourteen brethren present. Committee on petition of J. S. Davis granted still further time. Committee appointed to settle with Bro. Paine, late Treasurer, and Bro. Brown's amendment again laid over.

June 3d.—Ten brethren present. No business beyond the allowance of sundry bills transacted.

June 7th.—Nine brethren present. Present: Josiah T. Betts, W. M., *pro tem.*; Shadrach Bond, S. W., *pro tem.*; Samuel Walker, J. W., *pro tem.*; Jacob Feaman, Treasurer; James S. Cheek, Secretary; Samuel C. Christy, S. D., *pro tem.*; Beal Greenup, J. D., *pro tem.*; Philip Fouke, Tyler. Bro. Clement C. Conway visiting. A Lodge of Master Masons was duly opened, and the honors of Masonic burial accorded to the remains of Bro. George Fisher.

June 24th.—"Anniversary of St. John the Baptist." Twenty-seven brethren present. Lodge of Entered Apprentices opened. After the Lodge was opened, it was called from labor to enable the visiting brethren present an opportunity "of placing a piece of crape on their arms, in token of respect for and regret for Bro. George Fisher." Lodge called on, and proceeded to the house of Mr. Cowles, where Bro. Michael Jones delivered a "Masonic Oration," after which, "marshaled by Bro. E. Carter, they proceeded to the house of Bro. Fouke, and partook of the dinner and other refreshments provided for the occasion."

The following extract is inserted here for reasons already given:

"The Grand Secretary reported that on the 28th of June, 1820, a dispensation was granted to Bros. David Blackwell and others to open a new Lodge in the town of 'Belleville, Illinois,' by the name of 'Temple Lodge No. 35.'*—[*Proceedings Grand Lodge of Tennessee, A. D. 1820.*]

July 1st.—Twelve brethren present. "Orlando Buckney, Worcester Lodge, Connecticut," visiting. Lodge opened and adjourned to the Saturday following.

July 8th.—Seven brethren present. A committee was appointed to procure another lodge-room, and the Lodge closed.

August 5th.—Eight brethren present. "Charles Marini, St. John's Lodge No. 7, Ancona, Italy," visiting. Lodge opened, and adjourned to meet on Thursday following. "N. B.—The Lodge did not meet pursuant to adjournment.—Jas. S. Cheek, Sec."

*This report was made to the Grand Lodge, October 2, 1820.

September 2d.—Nine brethren present. No business transacted.

We here insert other extracts from proceedings Grand Lodge of Tennessee :

"The Grand Secretary reported that on the 5th of October last charters were issued to Lodges Nos. 24, 26, 27, 28, and 30, and on the 6th day of the same month to Lodges Nos. 25 and 29, agreeably to the directions of the Grand Lodge at their last annual communication."

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary order, as soon as practicable,
* * * * * and Temple Lodge No. 35, working under dispensation, to return their dispensations, with their proceedings, to the R. W. Grand Secretary, to be laid before the M. W. Grand Master for his inspection, the former within thirty days, and the latter within six months; and if it shall appear that they have proceeded regularly, charters shall be issued them respectively. If they fail to make returns agreeably to this resolution, it shall be the duty of the Grand Master to suspend their operations, and report them to the Grand Lodge at the next Grand Annual Communication."—[*Proceedings Grand Lodge of Tennessee, A. D. 1820.*]

October 7th.—Seven brethren present. Lodge opened, and adjourned until the Saturday following, neither the Master nor Wardens being present.

October 9th.—Eight brethren present. No business of importance transacted.

November 4th.—Five brethren present. Breth. "— Sheriden, Union Lodge No. 66, N. Y.; H. Harding, Vincennes Lodge No. 1, Indiana," visiting. Petition of Russell Larabee received and referred. *

November 14th.—Seven brethren present. Petitions of John Atkins for initiation, and Bro. E. Carter for affiliation, received and referred—the latter reported on instant, and he elected. The Lodge was then closed on the first degree, and opened on the third, and the following was passed: "*Moved and ordered*, That there be a committee appointed to inquire into the character of the Lodge in general, and make a report at the next stated meeting. Breth. Beal Greenup, Walker, and Carter were appointed a committee for the same."

November 16th.—Sixteen brethren present. "N. Hanson, Libanus Lodge No. 29, Edwardsville," visiting. "A letter from our brethren at Libanus Lodge No. 29, at Edwardsville, requesting that there should be measures taken with the several Lodges of this State to form a Grand Lodge. Motion made and carried that we coincide with the Libanus Lodge to confer with the several Lodges of this State, that there may be measures taken to establish a Grand Lodge. *Resolved*, That this Lodge concur with Libanus Lodge No. 27 in (the) propriety and expediency of establishing a Grand Lodge in this State, and that there be a committee appointed on the part of this Lodge to confer with that and the

other Lodges on the subject, and in case of general concurrence in the establishment of such Grand Lodge, with power to fix upon a certain number of delegates from each of the several Lodges in this State, to meet in convention, as also upon the time and place of such meeting of such Lodges, and forming a constitution therefor. Committee: Bros. Dodge, Reynolds, and Bond,* to confer with the several Lodges of this State, to make necessary arrangements for said Grand Lodge."

December 2d.—Thirteen brethren present. Russell Larabee and John Atkins initiated. Petitions of Jacob Hyberger for initiation, and Wm. C. Greenup for affiliation, received and referred. Philip Fouke elected W. M.; E. Carter, S. W.; J. W. Gillis, J. W.; Beal Greenup, Treasurer.

December 9th.—Eight brethren present. Petition of Clement C. Conway, for affiliation, received and referred, reported on instant, and he elected. John Atkins passed.

This is the last entry upon the book before us. That the Lodge was in existence as late as 1829, detached papers in the hands of the Historian will show, and which will appear in their proper place; and he is but partially convinced that the residue of the records of this old Lodge are irrevocably lost, but like the record of the organization of the first Grand Lodge, when some good brother at Kaskaskia moves from his "old house to a new one," the missing record will turn up. We trust it may.

On the second day of June, A. D. 1821, a number of brethren residing at Alton, prepared and submitted; for the recommendation of Libanus (or, as the certificate has it, *Mount Libanus*) Lodge, then working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, the following petition:

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri:

"The petitioners hereof humbly shew that they are Ancient, Free, and Accepted Master Masons. Having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, they are willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Freemasonry.

"For the convenience of their respective dwellings, and for other good reasons, they are desirous of forming a new Lodge in the town of Alton, county of Madison, and State of Illinois, to be named 'Olive Branch Lodge No. —.' In consequence of this desire, and the good of the Craft, they pray for a dispensation empowering them to assemble as a legal Lodge, to discharge the duties of Freemasonry in the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the ancient forms of the Fraternity and the laws and regulations of your Grand Lodge.

"That they have nominated and do recommend Erastus Brown to be the first Master; Hezekiah H. Gear to be the first Senior Warden; and Henry H. Snow to be the first Junior Warden of said Lodge; that if the prayer of the petition should be granted, they promise a strict conformity to all the constitutional laws, rules, and regulations of the Grand Lodge; and that if the proceedings of

* Henry S. Dodge, Thomas Reynolds, and Shadrach Bond.

their Lodge shall meet the approbation of the said Grand Lodge, at the next regular meeting of that Most Worshipful body, they, your petitioners, will apply for a charter or warrant. And as in duty bound will ever pray.

"STATE OF ILLINOIS, MADISON COUNTY, ALTON, June 2, 1821."

This petition bore the following signatures: "Erastus Brown, M. M., Chad. Brown, M. M. M., Henry H. Snow, M. M., Nelson Aldrich, M. M., Joel Finch, M. M. M., Daniel Manross, M. M., Hezekiah H. Gear."

And the following certificate of recommendation by Mount Libanus Lodge No. 29:

"To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri—Sheweth:

"That this petition has for a long time been under consideration of Mount Libanus Lodge, opened and held in Edwardsville, Illinois; that said Lodge have made all and every the necessary inquiries respecting the qualifications and respectability of the petitioners, as also the locality of the place petitioned for; and, after calling a vote on the subject, it was carried in favor of the petition being granted unanimously.

"Attest:

NICHOLAS HANSON, Sec'y of s'd Lodge.

"EDWARDSVILLE, 19th September, 1821."

The name of JOHN WALLACE appears upon the petition, and was inserted as the brother whom the petitioners wished appointed Senior Warden. For some reason, not now apparent, his name was stricken out of the petition entirely, and the name of HEZEKIAH H. GEAR substituted. This was done, evidently, after the petition had received the recommendation of Libanus Lodge, as the original paper before us, signed by brethren SNOW, BROWN, ALDRICH, MANROSS, CHAD. BROWN, and GEAR, "deputes and appoints" Bro. JOEL FINCH for and in their behalf, "to erase the name of JOHN WALLACE" [the word Bro. had been written and erased], "from a petition to the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, for letters of dispensation, by us subscribed; also, as recommended for a Seignor Warden, and in the place of Bro. WALLACE, as recommended aforesaid, to insert the name of Bro. HEZEKIAH H. GEAR." This was dated at Alton, October 22d, 1821.

On the thirtieth day of October, the following dispensation was issued:

"SIT LUX ET LUX FUIT.

"BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL NATHANIEL B. TUCKER, GRAND MASTER.

"To all and every our Right Worshipful and loving brethren greeting:

"Know ye that the Most Worshipful Nathaniel B. Tucker, Grand Master, at the humble petition of our Right Worshipful and well beloved brothers Erastus Brown, Hezekiah H. Gear, Henry H. Snow, and several other brethren residing at and near the town of Alton, Madison county, State of Illinois, of the ancient and honorable Fraternity of York Masons, and for certain other reasons moving our Worshipful Grand Master, do hereby constitute the said brethren into a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be opened in the town of Alton, by the name of Olive Branch Lodge No. 5. At their said request and of the

great trust and confidence reposed in every of the said brethren, the Most Worshipful Grand Master doth hereby appoint Bro. Erastus Brown, Worshipful Master, Bro. Hezekiah H. Gear, Senior Warden, and Bro. Henry H. Snow, Junior Warden for opening ——— the said Lodge and governing the same. It is required of our friend and brother the Worshipful Erastus Brown, to take special care that all and every of the said brethren of your Lodge, as well those hereafter to be admitted into our body by your Lodge, be regularly made Masons; and that they do observe, perform, and keep all the rules and orders contained in our book of Constitutions, and the ancient landmarks be strictly attended to: and further, that you cause to be entered in a book kept for that purpose, an account of your proceedings; which, when done you are required to transmit herewith to the Grand ——— Master (with a list of those initiated, passed, and raised, or otherwise managed) at our next Grand Semi-annual Communication.

“Given at St. Louis under the hand and seal of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, this 30th day of October, A. L. 5821 A. D. 1821.

“N. B. TUCKER, G. M.

“WM. RENSRAW, G. Secy.”

In the mean time the following action was had in the Grand Lodge of Tennessee:

October 1, 1821.—“The Grand Secretary reported, * that * * and Temple Lodge No. 35, have surrendered their dispensations without working under them.” Temple Lodge, it will be remembered, was located at Belleville, David Blackwell being first Master. On referring to the minutes of Western Star Lodge, at their meeting of December 27, 1818, Bro. Blackwell is noted as a visitor, hailing from Solomon Lodge No. 5, Kentucky.

November 7th, 1821.—Olive Branch Lodge having received its dispensation, the following brethren assembled: Erastus Brown, Hezekiah H. Gear, Henry H. Snow, Chad. Brown, Nelson Aldrich, Daniel Manross, Joseph T. Bennett, and James W. Whitney. Appointments were made as follows: Chad. Brown, Secretary; Jos. T. Bennett, Treasurer; Nelson Aldrich and Daniel Manross, Deacons; and the Lodge was then duly opened on the first degree, Erastus Brown presiding, brethren Gear and Snow being Wardens. The Lodge, after it was regularly opened, gave the appointments made as above stated the cold shoulder, and proceeded to an election which resulted in electing Bro. Joel Finch, Treasurer; Chad. Brown, Secretary. The nominations for Deacons were concurred in. Brethren E. Brown, C. Brown, and Snow were appointed a committee to prepare by-laws. And after receiving the “application” of Bro. J. W. Whitney, a Fellow Craft, to be raised, adjourned to the following day.

November 8th.—“Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present as before.” The committee on by-laws reported, and their report was adopted, amending it only by striking out six o'clock as the hour of meeting, and inserting “four of the clock.” These by-laws were carefully drawn up,

are short and right to the point. One or two things it would be well perhaps to note: The first election for officers, W. M., Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary, was to be held in the May following, "forever after that, semi-annually, in the months of September and March." The Master was to decide all questions of order which came before the Lodge, "subject to an appeal to the Lodge by any two members." The Master "might" call any brother to preside. In the absence of the Master and Wardens, the Lodge could not be opened, but if the Master was absent, the "presiding Warden" might take the East, or call upon the oldest Past Master present to relieve him. Visiting brethren were required to pay twenty-five cents after the first visitation "in any one year." The Tyler was entitled to fifty cents for each evenings' service, to be paid from the Treasury, and to collect for his own use, twenty-five cents from every candidate initiated, passed, and raised, and every brother affiliated. Entered Apprentices were to remain as such three months, and Fellow Crafts two months, before advancement; provided, however, that if a brother became *thoroughly* acquainted with all the information belonging to his degree, he might, at the discretion of the Lodge, "be advanced in less time." All amendments were to be proposed and seconded by Master Masons. Brethren Snow and Gear were appointed a "standing committee on investigations." Bro. James W. Whitney was raised. Petitions of Benjamin Spencer, Charles Gear, and Augustus Langworthy received and referred to the standing committee.

November 20th.—Eight brethren present. "Southard Shaw" visiting. "Voted that Bro. Whitney be allowed to become a member of this Lodge upon signing the by-laws." Bro. Shaw petitioned for the degree of Fellow Craft, which was conferred upon him. Petition of J. B. Fay received and referred.

December 13th.—Eight brethren present. Samuel Ingraham and William Scott visiting. Petitions of Alexander Hart, Edward Bishop, and Benjamin Harwood received and referred. Benjamin Spencer, Jonathan B. Fay, and Charles Gear initiated.

On the 20th of December the following petition was drawn up and forwarded to Vincennes Lodge No. 1, Indiana, for their recommendation:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Indiana:

"The petition of your brethren undersigned, respectfully represents that they are or have been members of regular Lodges; that having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, they are willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Masonry; that for the convenience of their respective dwellings and for other good reasons, they are desirous of forming a new Lodge at Albion, in the county of Edwards and State of Illinois, to be named Albion Lodge. That in consequence of this desire they pray for letters of dispensation or a warrant of constitution, to empower them to assemble as a legal

Lodge to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the Order, and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

"That they have nominated and do recommend James O. Wattles to be the first Master, John B. Johnson to be the first Senior Warden, and Arnold B. Dake to be the first Junior Warden of said Lodge. That if the prayer of their petition should be granted, they promise a strict conformity to all the constitutional laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge, and in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

"JAMES O. WATTLES,
ASEL WILLSON,
J. B. JOHNSON,
WM. A. CROWCE,
A. B. DAKE,
JOHN HIGGINS,
DAVID DUNDAS,
JAMES CAMPBELL,
JAMES HUTCHENS."

"ALBION, 20th December, A. L. 5821.

January 17, 1822—Olive Branch Lodge.—Ten brethren present. "Doctor Augustus Langworthy initiated, and Southard Shaw raised."

January 10th.—Eleven brethren present. Alexander Hart and Benjamin Harwood initiated. Benjamin Spencer and Charles Gear passed. Petitions of Levi Roberts, Ossian M. Ross, and Samuel Rhodes, received and referred.

January 24th.—Fourteen brethren present. Benjamin Spencer and Charles Gear raised.

On February 7th, the following petition was presented to Libanus Lodge No. 29, for recommendation, which was granted:

"*To Grand Lodge of Missouri:*

"Your petitioners, Master Masons, being domiciled in Vandalia (the seat of Government), in the State of Illinois, respectfully sheweth, that they are free and accepted Master Masons; that they have been members of regular Lodges; that having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, they are willing to exert their best endeavours to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Masonry; that for the conveniency of their respective dwellings (there being no Lodge within fifty Miles), and for other good reasons, they are desirous of forming a new Lodge in the Town of Vandalia, to be named 'Vandalia Lodge;' that, in consequence of this desire, they pray for Letters of dispensation, or a warrant of constitution, to empower them to assemble as a legal Lodge, to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the order and the regulations of the Grand Lodge. That they have nominated and recommend James M. Duncan to be the first Master; John Warnock to be the first Senior Warden; and William L. D. Ewing to be the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge; that if the prayer of the petition should be

granted, they promise a strict conformity to all the constitutional laws and regulations of the grand Lodge.

"JAS. M. DUNCAN,
JOHN WARNOCK,
WM. LEE D. EWING,
JOHN C. KELLOGG,
MOSES K. BOTSFORD,
JOSEPH ENOS,
GREEN P. RICE,
E. C. BERRY."

"EDWARDSVILLE, February 7th, 1822, A. L. 5822.

"At a Regular Meeting of Libanus Lodge No. 29, the foregoing Petition was presented. It was unanimously agreed to recommend the same to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and pray that a Dispensation or charter be granted.

"JOHN Y. SAWYER, *Master*.

"JOHN TODD, *Secretary*."

February 14th—Olive Branch Lodge.—Fifteen brethren present. Breth. John Y. Sawyer, W. M. Libanus Lodge, William Scott, and — Phinney, visiting. Petition of Edward Bishop withdrawn. Levi Roberts initiated.

February 21st.—Sixteen brethren present. Breth. Fay and Langworthy passed.

February 25th.—Twelve brethren present. Benjamin Harwood passed.

On the first of March the following recommendation was granted :

"VINCENNES LODGE No. 1, March 1st, A. L. 5822, A. D. 1822.

"This being a called Lodge by order of the W. Master, for the purpose of taking into consideration a petition from a number of brothers residing in and near Albion, in Edwards county, Illinois, and after having properly examined Brothers Jas. O. Wattles and A. B. Dake, who attended with said petition, and finding them well skilled, and they having vouched for the remainder of the signers;

"On motion,

"*Resolved*, That this Lodge do recommend the brothers named in the within petition to the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Indiana, agreeably to the prayer of the petition.

"I, Elihu Stout, Secretary of Vincennes Lodge No. 1, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of the proceedings of said Lodge on said petition.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of Vincennes Lodge No. 1, this 2d day of March, A. L. 5822, A. D. 1822.

(Seal.)

"E. STOUT, *Sec'y V. L.*"

This petition was indorsed: "Albion Lodge, 12th March, 1822. Received 5.00 Lawrenceburgh paper," and was accompanied by the following letter :

"VINCENNES, 5th March, 1822.

"DEAR SIR:—At the request of Judge Wattles, I forward you the petition of a number of the brethren residing in Albion, Illinois, and recommended by the Vincennes Lodge No. 1. They are desirous of having a letter of dispensation forwarded to me immediately, unless some business might induce you to visit this

section of country. The officers mentioned in the petition are very expert workmen, and their prospects of success quite flattering. I was not properly aware of the amount of funds necessary to accompany the petition, but believing it to be five dollars, they left that sum in my hands, which I now inclose to you. Please forward the dispensation without delay, as they have a room prepared, and are very anxious to be installed as soon as possible.

"With respect, yours fraternally,

"JAMES T. MOFFATT.

"P. S.—Be so good as to advise me of any arrangements which are or may be made for the organization of a Grand Chapter in this State.

"John Sheets, Esq., Madison, Indiana."

March 7th—Olive Branch Lodge.—Thirteen brethren present. Ossian M. Ross initiated.

March 14th.—Fifteen brethren present. Jonathan B. Fay raised. Petitions of Charles W. Hunter and Samuel Slater received and referred.

March 15th.—Sixteen brethren present. Bro. ——— Hibbard visiting. Breth. Langworthy and Harwood raised.

March 27th.—Thirteen brethren present. The Finance Committee reported the receipts of the Lodge to be \$155.83; due the Lodge, \$11.17; paid out for dispensation, furniture, &c., \$119.83; balance in treasury, \$36.00.

On the 4th of April, 1822, the following petition was presented to Libanus Lodge No. 29 for their recommendation, and the recommendation granted:

"To the Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and brethren of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri:

"Your petitioners respectfully beg leave to represent that they are Free and Accepted Master Masons, that they have been members of regular Lodges, and having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, are willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Masonry. That for the conveniency of their respective dwellings, and for other good reasons, are desirous of forming a new Lodge in the town of Springfield, county of Sangamon, and State of Illinois, to be called Sangamon Lodge No. —; and that in consequence of this desire, they pray for letters of dispensation from your honorable body (there being no Grand Lodge in said State of Illinois) to empower them to assemble as a legal Lodge, to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the Order, and the regulations of your Grand Lodge. That they have nominated and do recommend Stephen Stillman to be the first Master, Gershom Jayne to be the first Senior Warden, and John Moore to be the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge. That if the prayer of your petitioners should be granted, they promise a strict conformity to all the constitutional laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

"JAS. LATHAM,
STEPHEN PHELPS,
STEPHEN STILLMAN,
GERSHOM JAYNE,
THOS. CONSTANT,
CHARLES WRIGHT,
ORAMEL CLARK,
JOHN MORE."

"LIBANUS LODGE No. 29, April 4th, 1822, A. L. 5822.

"The within petition from sundry brother Masons of Sangamon County, praying to be recommended by this Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Missouri for letters of dispensation, was presented and read, and each petitioner being properly vouched for, it is ordered that this Lodge do recommend said petitioners as prayed for.

"JOHN TODD, *Secretary*.

JOHN Y. SAWYER, *Master*.

"A true copy from the record.

JOHN TODD, *Secretary*."

And on the fifth of April the following dispensation was issued :

"SIT LUX ET LUX FUIT.

"BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL NATHANIEL B. TUCKER, GRAND MASTER.

"To all and every, our Right Worshipful and Loving Brethren--Greeting :

"Know ye, that the most Worshipful Nathaniel B. Tucker, Grand Master, at the humble petition of our Right Worshipful and well beloved brethren, Stephen Stillman, Gershom Jayne, John Moore, and several others residing at and near the town of Springfield, county of Sangamo, State of Illinois, of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of York Masons, and for certain other reasons moving our Worshipful Grand Master do hereby constitute the said brothers into a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be opened in the town of Springfield, by the name of Sangamo Lodge No. 9. At their said request, and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every of the said brethren, the Most Worshipful Grand Master doth hereby appoint Bro. Stephen Stillman, Master, Bro. Gershom Jayne, Senior Warden, and Bro. John Moore, Junior Warden, for opening the said Lodge and governing the same. It is required of our friend and brother, the Worshipful Stephen Stillman, to take special care that all and every of the said brethren of your Lodge, as well those hereafter to be admitted into our body by your Lodge, be regularly made Masons, and that they do observe, perform, and keep all the rules and orders contained in our Book of Constitutions, and the ancient landmarks be attended to: and further, that you cause to be entered in a book kept for that purpose, an account of your proceedings, which, when done, you are required to transmit herewith to the Grand Master (with a list of those initiated, passed, and raised, or otherwise managed) at our next Grand Annual Communication.

"Given at St. Louis, under the hand and seal of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, this 5th day of April, A. L. 5822, A. D. 1822.

"TH. DOUGLASS,
"D. G. M., and G. M. pro. tem. SEAL

"Attest: WM. RENSHAW, *G. Sec'y*."

April 13th—Olive Branch Lodge No. 5.—Seventeen brethren present, "together with the W. M., Wardens, and brethren of Libanus Lodge No. 29." "Lodge opened on the first degree, when a message was sent to the members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Missouri, assembled in an adjoining room, who appeared and took their seats. Worshipful George H. C. Melody produced a letter from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Missouri authorizing him to consecrate this Lodge and install the officers." The Lodge was then regularly constituted, and the officers installed, as will be seen by the annexed certificate :

"ALTON, 15th April, 1822.

"Bro. G. H. C. Melody produced his authority from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, to consecrate and install the officers of Olive Branch Lodge No. 5. The Lodge was opened on the first degree of Masonry. Present: M. W. G. H. C. Melody, G. M., *pro tem.*; R. W. Lewis C. Beck, D. G. M., *pro tem.*; W. John Y. Sawyer, G. S. W., *pro tem.*; W. James Watts, G. J. W., *pro tem.*; W. R. T. McKenney, G. S., *pro tem.*; W. D. T. Evans, G. T., *pro tem.* The Grand Secretary read the charter from the Grand Lodge of Missouri. A Past Master's Lodge was then opened, and the degree of Past Master was conferred on Bro. Erastus Brown. The Past Master's Lodge was closed in due form. The Lodge was consecrated, and the following officers were installed by the M. W. G. Master. Erastus Brown, W. Master; Hezekiah Gear, S. Warden; Henry H. Snow, J. Warden; Joel Finch, Treasurer; Benjamin Spencer, Secretary; Nelson Aldrich, S. Deacon; Daniel Manross, J. Deacon; Augustus Langworthy and Benjamin Harwood, Stewards; C. Gear, Marshal; Southard Shaw, Tyler. The Lodge was closed in due and ample form.

"G. H. C. MELODY, W. M.

"R. T. McKENNEY, G. Secretary."

The brethren then proceeded to the "schoolhouse, where an oration was delivered by Bro. Lewis C. Beck, of St. Louis." On returning to the hall, brethren Brown, Snow, and Langworthy were appointed a committee to procure the publication of Bro. Beck's oration. Bro. Melody was voted fifteen dollars.

April 17th.—Eleven brethren present. The committee intrusted with that business reported that Bro. Beck declined furnishing a copy of his oration.

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April 22nd.—Fifteen brethren present. Samuel W. Rhodes and Samuel Slater initiated. Petition of Jonathan Haskill received and referred. A dispensation having been received on the 26th of April, 1822, the following brethren met at Vandalia, viz: James M. Duncan, John Warnock, W. L. D. Ewing, Joseph Enos, John C. Kellogg, Moses K. Botsford, and E. C. Berry. Of these we recognize but two, James M. Duncan, of Western Star Lodge, and E. C. Berry, who visited that Lodge June 24, 1818, and July 10, 1819. The dispensation was presented by Bro. Melody, when it was ascertained that the name of one of the petitioners (Green P. Rice) had been stricken off. After consultation, the dispensation was accepted, and "twenty-three dollars in specie paid Bro. Melody, for the same." The brethren then separated, to meet again on the morrow at 11 o'clock.

April 27th.—Same brethren as before, with the addition of brethren L. C. Beck and William Hughes, of Missouri Lodge No. 1. Petitions of John S. Duncan, and W. H. Brown received, referred, and reported on instantan, and both initiated, and John S. Duncan passed.

April 29th.—Eight brethren present. George H. C. Melody, Grand Visitor, presiding. Petitions of Russell Botsford, Frederick Hollman,

and Robert Baird received and referred. William H. Brown passed and raised. Russell Botsford initiated.

April 30th.—Same brethren present with the addition of Bro. Brown. Petition of Waters Baugh received and referred. Robert Baird, Fredrick Hollman, and Waters Baugh initiated. Russell Botsford passed. Petition of Nathaniel Sanburn received and referred.

May 1st.—Ten brethren present. Nathaniel Sanburn initiated. Russell Botsford raised. Committee on by-laws reported, and report adopted. These by-laws are much the same as at the present day, although one or two passages might cause amusement now:

Section 16 authorized a Master to fine a brother for misconduct, in or out of the Lodge.

Section 12 provided that at the initiation of a candidate, he should be presented with a plain white apron and a copy of the by-laws, a custom which Lodges at the present day would do well to imitate.

Section 18 provided that every brother should be examined before advancement, which section we opine was suspended on divers occasions.

Section 22: "Be it further ordained, that no member of this Lodge below the degree of Master Mason shall be permitted to vote on any question which may come before the Lodge." This is the first Lodge in the West, that we are aware of, to take this step. Frederick Hollman, Robert Baird, Waters Baugh, and Nathaniel Sanburn passed. Hollman and Baugh were passed *together*, Sanburn and Baugh in the same way.

May 2d.—"Lodge met pursuant to adjournment." Petitions of Rowland R. Holmes and James Hull received and referred. A resolution of thanks to Breth. Melody, Beck, and Hughes, for their assistance, was passed.

May 5th.—Seven brethren present. Breth. Holmes and Hull initiated. Robert Baird raised. Bill for expenses of Breth. Melody, Hughes, and Beck, amounting to \$76.40, allowed, and ordered paid. E. C. Berry was appointed Secretary; M. K. Botsford and John C. Kellogg, Deacons; Jos. Enos, Tyler; Wm. H. Brown, elected Treasurer.

May 6th—Olive Branch Lodge No. 5.—Twelve brethren present. S. P. Hibbard, visiting. No business transacted.

May 8th—Vandalia Lodge No. 8.—Seven brethren present. Rowland R. Holmes, and James Hull passed.

May 9th—Olive Branch Lodge No. 5.—Thirteen brethren present. On motion of Bro. Whitney, the Lodge went into election "by general ticket." On the first ballot, for Master, Bro. Erastus Brown received 4 votes; H. H. Snow, 3; Nelson Aldrich, 1. For Senior Warden, H. H. Gear had 2 votes; H. H. Snow, 2; Nelson Aldrich, 2; Benj. Spencer, 2; and Charles Gear, 1. For Junior Warden, Nelson Aldrich had 5 votes; H. H. Snow, 2; Charles Gear, 1; B. Spencer, 1. For Treasurer, H. H. Gear had 5 votes; Joel Finch, 4. For Secretary, Benj. Spencer had

5 votes; A. Langworthy, 3; and J. W. Whitney, 1. The result was that Nelson Aldrich was declared elected Junior Warden; H. H. Gear, Treasurer; and Benjamin Spencer, Secretary; leaving the Master and Senior Warden to be elected. On the next ballot Bro. Snow received 6 votes, and was declared elected W. M.; no S. W. elected. Whereupon it was again tried, and still no election. Whereupon Bro. Aldrich was elected. As he had just been elected Junior Warden, the first election was declared void, and Bro. Aldrich declared elected Senior Warden. Upon motion, both elections (S. and J. Wardens) were declared void, and the Lodge proceeded to do what had ought to have been done before—vote for these offices separately. The result was that Bro. Aldrich was elected S. W.; and Charles Gear, J. W. Breth. Langworthy and Shaw were appointed Deacons; Hart and Harwood, Stewards. Petition of S. P. Hibbard, for affiliation, received and referred. Petition of C. W. Hunter withdrawn. Officers elect installed.

May 10th.—Twelve brethren present. Jonathan Haskill initiated.

On the 29th May, 1822, the following petition was presented to Unity Lodge No. 6, Jackson, Missouri, for recommendation, which recommendation was granted:

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Missouri:

"We the undersigned Free and Accepted Master Masons, being at present and having been members of regular Lodges, and having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, are willing to exert our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Masonry. And for the conveniency of our respective dwellings and for other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new Lodge in the town of Jonesborough, Union county and State of Illinois, to be named "Union Lodge," and in consequence of this desire we pray for letters of dispensation or a warrant of constitution to empower us to assemble as a legal Lodge, to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the Order and the regulations of the Grand Lodge. And we have nominated, and do recommend Richard J. Hamilton to be the first Master, James Finney to be the first Senior Warden, and William M. Alexander to be the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge. And if the prayer of the petition should be granted, we promise a strict conformity to all the constitutional laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

RICHARD J. HAMILTON,
JAMES S. SMITH,
WM. M. ALEXANDER,
GEORGE WOLF,

JAMES FINNEY,
BEN W. BROOKS,
ABNER FIELD,
JEPHTHA SWEET."

"At a special meeting of Unity Lodge No. 6, held in the town of Jackson, State of Missouri, on Wednesday evening the 29th of May, A. L. 5822 —. On application of sundry Masons of Jonesborough, Union county, State of Illinois, to be admitted to form a Lodge in the above town. Ordered that the brothers named in the said petition be recommended to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, for dispensation.

"C. BUCKNER, W. M.
EDWARD S. GANTT, S. W.
J. FRIZEL, J. W."

"I certify the above to be a true copy from the records of Unity Lodge No. 6, State of Missouri. Given under my hand and private seal, there being no Lodge seal yet provided.

"H. NEALE, *Secretary.*"

In James Finney, Wm. M. Alexander, and Jephtha Sweet we recognize familiar names. They were all three made in Western Star Lodge, at Kaskaskia.

June 1st—Vandalia Lodge No. 8.—Seventeen brethren present. Joseph May, of Hiram Lodge, Bridgeport, Connecticut, visiting. John S. Duncan raised. Petition of Cyrus Birge and Horatio Newhall, of Greenville, received and referred.

June 4th.—Ten brethren present. Waters Baugh, Frederick Hollman, Nathaniel Sanburn raised. Breth. Russell Botsford and Hollman appointed Stewards. The Lodge resolved to celebrate St. John's Day.

June 4th.—The following dispensation was issued. The date (May 4) is an evident mistake, as the petition was not recommended until the 29th of May, and was not forwarded until the 30th of the same month, as will be seen by the accompanying letter :

"SIT LUX ET LUX FUIT.

"BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL NATHANIEL BEVERLY TUCKER, GRAND MASTER.

"To all and every our Right Worshipful and loving Brethren Greeting:

"Know ye, that the Most Worshipful Nathaniel Beverly Tucker, Grand Master, at the humble petition of our Right Worshipful and well beloved Brothers R. J. Hamilton, James Finney, William M. Alexander and several other brethren residing at and near Jonesborough, Union county, State of Illinois, of the ancient and honorable Fraternity of York Masons, and for other reasons moving our Worshipful Grand Master, *do* hereby constitute the said brethren into a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be opened in the town of Jonesborough, county and State aforesaid, by the name of 'Union Lodge No. 10.' At their said request and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every of the said brethren, the Most Worshipful Grand Master doth hereby appoint Bro. Richard J. Hamilton, Worshipful Master, Bro. James Finney, Senior Warden, and Bro. William M. Alexander, Junior Warden for opening the said Lodge and governing the same. It is required of our friend and brother the Worshipful Richard J. Hamilton, to take special care that all and every of the said brethren of your Lodge, as well those hereafter to be admitted into our body by your Lodge, be regularly made Masons, and that they do observe, perform, and keep all the rules and orders contained in our book of Constitutions and the ancient landmarks be strictly attended to: and further, that you cause to be entered in a book kept for that purpose, an account of your proceedings, which when done you are required to transmit *herewith* to the Grand Master (with a list of those initiated, passed, and raised, or otherwise managed), at our next Annual Communication.

"Given at Saint Louis under the hand and seal of the Most Worshipful Grand Master this fourth day of May, A. L. 5822, A. D. 1822.

"N. B. TUCKER, *G. M. M.*

"Attest. WM. RENSHAW, *G. Secretary.*"

"JONESBOROUGH, ILL., 30th May, 1822.

"*Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri:*

"DEAR SIR:—We have forwarded to you a petition and recommendation for a dispensation or warrant of Constitution, and should you be pleased to grant it, be so good as to inform us of the amount at Jonesborough, Illinois, for the fee, and it shall be forwarded immediately and much oblige.

"Yours, very Respectfully,

"ABNER FIELD,
BEN W. BROOKS."

June 8th—Vandalia Lodge No. 8.—Fifteen brethren present. J. Pew, Montgomery Lodge No. 23, Ky., and Benjamin Mills, Astrea Lodge No. 85, Virginia, visiting. Rówland R. Holmes raised.

June 13th—Olive Branch Lodge No. 5.—Eleven brethren present. Bro. Langworthy reported that he had prevailed on Bro. Beck to present the Lodge with a copy of his address before the Lodge at its consecration, and that Mr. Orr, printer, at St. Louis, offered to print fifty copies for \$25.00, to be paid in Illinois State paper. Bro. Langworthy was authorized to have the printing done. On motion of Bro. Spencer, the petition of Major C. W. Hunter was again taken up, and on motion of Bro. E. Brown, the Lodge was called from labor to refreshment for "one half hour," at the expiration of which time the Lodge was called on, and Mr. Hunter's petition *laid on the table*.

June 15th—Vandalia Lodge No. 8.—Twelve brethren present. Robert Montgomery, Franklin Lodge No. 14, Ohio, visiting. An amendment to the by-laws was proposed, and laid over, to the effect that when a candidate received either of the degrees at a special communication, he should pay five dollars in addition to the regular fees. The Lodge then closed.

June 20th—Olive Branch Lodge No. 5.—Nine brethren present. Bro. Samuel Slater passed. S. P. Hibbard affiliated.

June 21st.—Eight brethren present. Petition of C. W. Hunter taken from table, he elected and initiated.

June 22d.—The dispensation having been received, Union Lodge No. 10 was organized on the twenty-second day of June, 1822. The following brethren were present at the first meeting: Richard J. Hamilton, W. M.; Abner Field, B. W. Brooks, James S. Smith. Breth. Finney, S. W., and Wm. M. Alexander, J. W., were not present. Breth. Field and Smith were appointed to serve in their places. Lodge opened on the third degree, which was closed, and a Lodge of F. C. opened, whereupon Bro. Humphrey B. Jones, a Fellow Craft of Hopkinsville Lodge No. 37, Ky., was admitted as a visitor. A committee, consisting of Breth. Field and Brooks, was appointed to prepare by-laws.

June 23d.—Six brethren present. Breth. Jacob Hunsaker, of Union Lodge No. —, Pennsylvania, and H. B. Jones were admitted as members

upon a motion made to that effect. B. W. Brooks was appointed Secretary, and Abner Field, Treasurer. H. B. Jones was raised.

June 24th—Vandalia Lodge No. 8.—Eighteen brethren present. Martin Jones and Seth Converse, of Western Star Lodge, visiting. James M. Duncan delivered an oration, and the Lodge partook of a dinner provided by Bro. Hollman.

June 24th—Union Lodge No. 10.—Seven brethren present. Rev. and Bro. G. W. Wolf was appointed Chaplain, and delivered a sermon at twelve o'clock. The Lodge then proceeded to the house of "M. Collins, Esq.," "and partook of a sumptuous repast."

June 25th.—Same brethren present as on the day previous. Petitions of Winstead Davy, Samuel Hunsaker, Sr., Richard M. Young, George Hunsaker, John C. Collins, Charles Dunn, and James F. Bond received and referred. A committee was appointed, and directed to procure the following articles: "Five Lodge tables, three gavels, two pillars, three benches, and a ballot box."

June 26th—Olive Branch Lodge No. 5.—Six brethren present. Geo. H. C. Melody, Grand Visitor, presiding. An examination of the affairs of the Lodge and the records was had.

June 26th.—The following petition was prepared and forwarded to Missouri Lodge No. 1, for its recommendation, which recommendation, as appears from an indorsement on the petition by the Grand Secretary, was granted:

"To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Brethren of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Missouri:

"Your petitioners, inhabitants of the town of Covington and its vicinity, all have been regularly entered, passed, and raised to the degree of Master Mason in regular constituted Lodges, and at present reside at so great a distance from any Lodge, that they are cut off from most of the advantages of this ancient Order, and being desirous of diffusing the genuine principles of the Order, and rendering themselves useful to the Craft, do pray a warrant of dispensation or charter constituting them a new Lodge at the town of Covington, in the State of Illinois, by the name of "Eden Lodge," authorizing them to assemble and work as Ancient York Masons, and they do nominate John Smith for their first Master, Charles Mullikin for their first Senior Warden, and Thomas G. Gazley for their first Junior Warden of said new Lodge, and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

JOHN SMITH,
CHARLES MULLIKIN,
THOS. G. GAZLEY,
JOS. PHILIPS,
DANIEL S. SWEARINGEN,
ISAAC HUGHSON, JR.,
ADDISON PHILLEO,
JAMES TURNEY,
PHILO BEERS.

"COVINGTON, June 26th, 1822."

Two of the brethren on this petition are old acquaintances—Jos. Phillips and Daniel S. Swearingen, both formerly of Western Star Lodge.

June 23th—Olive Branch Lodge No. 5.—Eight brethren present. No business transacted.

June 30th.—The following dispensation was granted :

"SIT LUX ET LUX FUIT.

" BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL NATHANIEL B. TUCKER, GRAND MASTER.

" To all and every our Right Worshipful and Loving Brethren—Greeting :

"Know ye, that the Most Worshipful Nathaniel B. Tucker, Grand Master, at the humble petition of our right worshipful and well beloved brothers, John Smith, Charles Mullikin, Thomas G. Gazley, and several other brethren residing at and near the town of Covington, State of Illinois, of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of York Masons, and for certain other reasons moving, our Worshipful Grand Master do hereby constitute the said brethren into a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be opened in the town of Covington, by the name of Eden Lodge No. 11. At their said request, and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every of the said brethren, the Most Worshipful Grand Master doth hereby appoint Bro. John Smith, Worshipful Master; Bro. Charles Mullikin, Senior Warden; and Bro. Thomas G. Gazley, Junior Warden, for opening the said Lodge and governing the same. It is required of our friend and brother, the Worshipful John Smith, to take special care that all and every of the said brethren of your Lodge, as well those hereafter to be admitted into our body by your Lodge, be regularly made Masons, and that they do observe, perform, and keep all the rules and orders contained in our Book of Constitutions, and the ancient landmarks be strictly attended to: and further, that you cause to be entered in a book kept for that purpose, an account of your proceedings, which, when done, you are required to transmit to the Grand Master herewith (with a list of those initiated, passed and raised, or otherwise managed), at our next Grand Annual Communication.

"Given at St. Louis, under the hand and seal of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, this thirtieth day of June, A. L. 5822, A. D. 1822.

"TH. DOUGLASS, D. G. M.,
in the absence of the M. W. G. M. SEAL

"Attest: WM. RENSHAW, G. Sec'y."

July 6th—Vandalia Lodge No. 8.—Seven brethren present. John York Sawyer, W. M. of Libanus Lodge No. 29, visiting. No business transacted.

July 11th—Olive Branch Lodge No. 5.—Eleven brethren present. Petitions of "Capt. George Hewitt, Mr. Henry P. Rundel, Edward Bishop, and George W. Britton, Esq.," received and referred. Breth. Jonathan Haskill and C. W. Hunter passed, and Samuel Slater raised.

July 13th.—"By virtue of a dispensation granted by the Grand Lodge of Missouri, constituting a Lodge to be held in Covington, to be called the Eden Lodge No. 11. said Lodge met in the town of Covington, on Saturday evening, the same being the 13th day of July, A. L. 5822, A. D. 1822. Present: John Smith, M. W. Master; Charles Mullikin, Senior

Warden: Philo Beers, Junior Warden, *pro tem.*; James Turney, Secretary, *pro tem.*; Brother James Burnside, visitor, Senior Deacon and Treasurer, *pro tem.*; Daniel S. Swearingen, Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*; Isaac Hughson, Tyler, *pro tem.*" Petition of James C. Adams received and referred. Breth. Mullikin, Beers, and Turney were appointed a committee to prepare by-laws.

July 15th—Union Lodge No. 10.—Ten brethren present. Geo. H. C. Melody and W. B. Morris, Union Lodge No. 2, Indiana, visiting. Richard M. Young initiated.

July 16th—Same brethren present.—William Hickum and John C. Collier initiated. Richard M. Young passed and raised.

July 17th—Olive Branch Lodge No. 5.—Eleven brethren present. Levi Roberts passed.

July 17th—Union Lodge No. 10.—Ten brethren present. Jacob Hyberger rejected. William Hickum passed. George Hunsaker initiated.

July 18th.—Ten brethren present. By-Laws adopted. John C. Collier and George Hunsaker passed and raised. Vote of thanks tendered Bro. Melody.

July 27th—Eden Lodge No. 11.—Eleven brethren present. "Visiting brethren, Wilton and Dow." By-laws adopted. Petitions of Joel Potter, Henry Neeley, John Adams, Benjamin Smith, and Benjamin Leving, received and referred.

July 28th.—Nine brethren present. Petition of James Temple received and referred.

August 3d—Vandalia, No. 8.—Six brethren only being present, the Lodge was not opened.

August 8th—Olive Branch, No. 5.—Ten brethren present. Petitions of E. J. West, Thomas Cummings, and George Hackett received and referred. George Hewitt, P. Rundel, Edward Bishop, and George W. Britton initiated "separately and in the order named."

August 10th—Vandalia, No. 8.—Eleven brethren present. Thomas Moore rejected.

August 10th—Union, No. 10.—Ten brethren present. Charles Dunn initiated.

August 11th.—Ten brethren present. Petition of Michael Harman for initiation, and Joseph Duncan for affiliation, received and referred.

August 19th—Olive Branch, No. 5.—Eight brethren present. Samuel Rhodes passed. The Lodge refused to concur in the amendment to the Grand Lodge By-Laws, creating a Grand Lecturer, and fixing his fees, and did concur in the amendment relieving visiting brethren from contributions at each visitation. In regard to collecting subscriptions for the Temple, this Lodge responded as follows:

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Missouri:

"The undersigned, who, by a resolution of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge adopted at the last Grand semi-annual communication, were constituted a 'committee to procure subscriptions and donations for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Hall in the Town of St. Louis,' beg leave to report:

"That they have attended to the duty assigned them, as far as practicable, but have not been able to obtain anything for the contemplated object.

"Which is respectfully submitted.

"HENRY H. SNOW, *Master*,
NELSON ALDRICH, *S. Warden*,

"ALTON, August 19th, 1822.

"*Olive Branch Lodge No. 5.*"

August 20th.—Eleven brethren present. Emanuel J. West initiated.

August 22d.—Ten brethren present. Nothing beyond "lecturing" done.

August 31st.—Eleven brethren present. Ossian M. Ross passed.

August 31st—Union No. 10.—Eight brethren present. Petition of Bro. Henry L. Webb, late of Hudson Lodge No. 13, N. Y., received and referred.

August 31st—Eden Lodge No. 11.—Six brethren present. Joel Protter (or Potter), rejected. Benjamin Leving and James Temple initiated.

August 31st.—Sangamo, No. 9:

"MINUTES OF SANGAMO LODGE NO. 9.

"AUGUST 31, A. L. 5822.

"Lodge met pursuant to notice being given, at the lodge-room in Springfield. Brethren present: Stephen Stillman, W. M.; Gershom Jayne, S. W.; John Moore, J. W.; Moses Broadwell, Treas.; James C. Stephenson, Sec'y; Oramel Clark, S. D.; Thomas Constant, J. D.

"Lodge opened on the first degree of Masonry in due form; no business before this. Lodge closed, and that of a fellow craft opened; no business being presented, the Lodge closed, and that of a Master Mason opened. A form of by-laws was presented, which were adopted and signed by the brethren.

"Moved and seconded that Brother John Moore furnish three small stand tables, pedestals, rods, &c., for the use of the Lodge.

"No further business being before the Lodge, it was closed in harmony.

"STEPHEN STILLMAN, *W. M.*

"JAMES C. STEPHENSON, *Secretary.*"

Matters went wrong with the Lodge at "Sangamo c. h.," and the following letter was forwarded with the minutes just given:

"To the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri:

"The Sangamon Lodge, through their Secretary, most respectfully report that on the 31st day of August, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822, the Lodge convened agreeable to previous notice, at Springfield, and formed their by-laws, rules, and regulations for the government and conduct of the said Lodge, which are herewith transmitted for the examination and approbation of your ancient and honorable body.

"Your brethren at Sangamon most respectfully offer an extenuation of their apparent paralytic feelings for the advancement of Masonry, the following excuses, viz.:

"1st. Springfield being in its infancy, there was no convenient and safe place for them to convene.

"2d. Our Worshipful Master, S. Stillman, undertook to erect a building that would temporarily answer our purposes, but the wet season kept the Sangamo river high until a late period, which embarrassed his proceeding so as to enable them to commence work until the sickly season came on, since which the necessary absence of some, and sickness of others, has rendered it out of our power, with one exception, to convene the requisite number to transact business.

"Your brethren at Sangamon feel desirous to obtain a charter, and humbly ask your honorable body to look on their past neglect as not wholly faults wilfully resting in them, but with so many grains of allowance as to authorize your feelings to grant us a charter, which we deem essential in this place for the advancement of Freemasonry and the good of mankind; and in case your honorable body cannot grant us a charter, we respectfully ask a renewal of our dispensation.

"By order of the W. M., Wardens, and brethren.

"JAMES C. STEPHENSON, *Secretary*."

The by-laws of this Lodge we insert in full:

"BYE-LAWS OF SANGAMO LODGE NO. 9.

"Section 1st. *Be it ordained*, that the stated meetings of this Lodge shall be on the Saturday preceeding the full moon in each month, at two o'clock P. M., unless the moon falls on Saturday, in which case the Lodge shall meet on that day.

"Sec. 2d. Any person desirous of being initiated into the secrets of Masonry in this Lodge, shall petition for that purpose at a stated meeting, and be recommended by at least two Master Masons, said petition to be accompanied with five dollars; five dollars before being passed, and five dollars before being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason; upon which a committee of three shall be appointed, being Master Masons belonging to the Lodge, neither of which were of the recommending brethren. The committee, or any two of them, shall proceed to inquire into the character of the petitioner, and report the same in writing at the next stated meeting, and if the report be found favorable to the petitioner, he shall be balloted for the same evening, and if the ballot be found clear he may be initiated at the same meeting; but if one or more be found against him he shall be rejected.

"Sec. 3d. Any Master Mason wishing to become a member of this Lodge shall make known his request in writing to the Lodge at a stated meeting, who shall appoint a committee to inquire into the character of the brother, who, if found worthy, shall be admitted at the next regular meeting, by paying the Secretary one dollar.

"Sec. 4th. If a candidate, after having petitioned, shall neglect or fail to attend (without good cause shown), within three months, he shall forfeit the sum accompanying his petition, and be dealt with as if never having petitioned.

"Sec. 5th. No brother shall be advanced to the second or third degree until he has made suitable proficiency in the preceding degree or degrees, for ascer-

taining which he shall be examined by the Master or presiding officer in open Lodge, then a decision to be had by a majority of the brethren present.

"Sec. 6th. In cases of emergency, these by-laws may be dispensed with, three-fourths of the members present agreeing thereto.

"Sec. 7th. Each member shall, for every regular meeting, pay to the Secretary twenty-five cents, to defray the expenses of the Lodge, and for other purposes.

"Sec. 8th. The regular Lodge night next preceding the festival of St. John the Evangelist, shall be the election of officers for the year ensuing, provided that in case of failure, the Master shall be authorized to call a meeting for that purpose previous to the festival; and no member shall be permitted to vote or hold an office who has not paid all dues, fines, and arrearages.

"Sec. 9th. The Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, or a majority of them, shall be a standing committee of charity, and for settling the accounts of the Treasurer and Stewards.

"Sec. 10th. The Secretary, on application, shall deliver to any member a diploma drawn up in proper form, provided said member obtains the consent of the majority of the members present at some regular meeting, provided his dues and arrearages are paid. In all cases the member applying shall pay to the Secretary the sum of one dollar for the use of the Lodge.

"Sec. 11th. In all processions any one appointed to fill any office *pro tem.*, shall hold the same until the procession returns to the Lodge or place from whence it set out.

"Sec. 12th. Any brother who shall be guilty of irregular or unmasonic conduct, shall be publicly reprimanded by the Master in open Lodge, or suspended or expelled, as a majority of the brethren shall think proper. But whoever shall dare to disturb the congregation of the brethren by intemperance or profanity, shall, by order of the Master, be led out of the Lodge and not be permitted to return without making satisfactory amends; for a second offense he shall be suspended the privileges of the order.

"Sec. 13th. No monies shall be paid out of the Treasury except by order of the Master or other presiding officer, with the consent of the brethren. The Treasurer shall exhibit an account of all the money by him received and paid out during the year, at the regular time of electing officers.

"Sec. 14th. All business of the Lodge, so far as can masonically be permitted, shall be done in a Master's Lodge, and no Mason below the degree of Master Mason shall be allowed to vote in any case.

"Sec. 15th. When a motion is made for altering or amending these by-laws, it shall be presented in writing, stating the alterations or amendments, which being read and seconded, shall lie over until the next regular meeting for the consideration of the Lodge, when the same may be debated and a decisive vote taken thereon.

Sec. 16th. "Any brother failing to attend at the regular meeting, shall forfeit and pay unto the Treasurer the sum of seventy-five cents in addition to his regular evening dues, unless a reasonable excuse be tendered to the satisfaction of a majority of the brethren present."

• September 1st—Eden No. 11.—Eight brethren present. Petitions of Robert G. Adams and William S. Adams received and referred.

September 7th.—Five brethren present. John Adams and Benjamin Smith initiated.

September 12th—Olive Branch No. 5.—Sixteen brethren present. Nathaniel Buckmaster visiting. Nelson Aldrich was elected W. M., Charles Gear, S. W.; Benjamin Spencer, J. W.; H. H. Gear, Treasurer; and Aug. Langworthy, Secretary. Breth. Shaw and Slater were appointed Deacons. A communication from Libanus Lodge No. 29, was received and referred to the Secretary for answer. The minutes are silent as to what this communication was, but as it was at this time a move was being made regarding the formation of a Grand Lodge, it is supposed that it related to that matter.

September 13th.—Eight brethren present. Petitions of Thomas Cummings and George Hackett received and referred. George Hewitt and Emanuel J. West “severally” passed, and George Hewitt raised.

September 14th—Union Lodge No. 10.—Eight brethren present. “Visiting brother, Honorable Thomas C. Browne, of Lawrence Lodge No. 27, Ills.”* Petitions of Henry L. Webb and Nat. W. Chamberlane received and referred. Bills for furniture to the amount of \$28 allowed and ordered paid, “when the state of the treasury would justify it.” Michael Harman initiated, and Charles Dunn passed and raised.

September 15th.—The W. M. was appointed representative to the Grand Lodge, and a petition for a charter drawn up as follows :

“To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Missouri:

“We, your petitioners, beg leave to present that we are Free and Accepted Masons; that we are at present members of Union Lodge No. 10, in the town of Jonesborough, and State of Illinois, working under letters of dispensation granted by the Most Worshipful N. B. Tucker, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. That for many good motives of diffusing and promoting the genuine principles of Masonry, we pray that your Most Worshipful Body grant us a charter of constitution, securing to us the rights and privileges of a regularly constituted Lodge, and that a person be appointed to install our officers; and if our prayer for a charter be granted, we promise strictly to conform to all the constitutional laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge, and the constitutions of Masonry; and we, your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

“B. W. BROOKS,
JAMES S. SMITH,
GEORGE HUNSAKER,
H. B. JONES,
RICH'D J. HAMILTON;
ABNER FIELD,
RICHARD M. YOUNG,
WM. M. ALEXANDER.”

Accompanying this petition was the following :

Lawrence Lodge No. 34, at Shawneetown.

"To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Missouri:

"Your memorialists, the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren of Union Lodge No. 10, of Illinois, working under a dispensation granted by your Honorable Body, would respectfully represent: That, whereas, Winstead Davie, a young gentleman whose profession is that of a clerk, a citizen of Jonesborough, Illinois, is very much deformed in his legs and lower extremities, from his nativity, but otherwise duly qualified, being a man of good mind and information, genteel manners, and possessing an unexceptionable character for liberality of mind and feeling towards mankind generally, attention to business, and of the most temperate habits, has presented to our Lodge a petition in due form for initiation, which said petition has been read and disposed of in regular order, and an order made in our Lodge, as per reference to the minutes (the same will fully and at large appear), that his case be referred to the Grand Lodge of Missouri for their instruction, soliciting a warrant of dispensation authorizing us to initiate him into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Your memorialists would further represent to your Most Worshipful Body that we are conscious that Mr. Davie has no sinister views in wishing to become a member of our Institution, as he is a man of considerable property, unembarrassed, and fully able and capable to make an independent living by his own exertions, either in the capacity of clerk or schoolmaster, for both of which stations he is well qualified, and has had considerable experience in each, with profit to himself and satisfaction to his employers; and, therefore, believe him to be actuated by the purest motives of good will and a high opinion entertained for the Fraternity, and hope that your Most Worshipful Body will attend to our petition in his behalf made, and grant said dispensation thereupon, and your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

"RICH'D J. HAMILTON, W. M.,

"In behalf of Union Lodge No. 10, at their special request.

"JONESBOROUGH, ILLINOIS, Sept. 21st, 1822, A. L. 5822.

"P. S.—Enclosed you will find the petition of Mr. W. Davie to Union Lodge No. 10, accompanied with the necessary recommendation, and the report of the Committee of Character.

"B. W. BROOKS, Sec'y."

The Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation reported as follows:

"To the Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri:

"The Standing Committee for the examination of the work and proceedings of subordinate Lodges working under this jurisdiction, and to whom was referred the bye-laws and proceedings of Union Lodge No. 10, at Jonesborough, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and found them conformable with the constitution and bye-laws of the Grand Lodge. Your committee overlook some imperfections in the bye [laws] and work of said Lodge, from the conviction that they are inadvertencies that will be readily corrected on the suggestion of the Grand Lecturer, who will shortly visit said Lodge. Your committee, therefore, recommend the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge approve of the bye-laws and proceedings of Union Lodge No. 10.

"Resolved, That a charter issue to Union Lodge No. 10, at Jonesborough.

"A. GAMBLE,
G. H. C. MELODY."

September 24th—Vandalia Lodge No. 8.—Nine brethren present. "A communication from Libanus Lodge No. 29, of Edwardsville, was received and read, on the subject of forming a Grand Lodge at Vandalia, proposing a meeting of delegates from the different Lodges in this State, in this place, during the sitting of the next General Assembly. On motion of Bro. Brown, it was *ordered*, that the Secretary of this Lodge reply to the communication from Libanus Lodge No. 29, informing them that their proposition would be met by this Lodge so soon as it received its charter." Bro. John Warnock was requested to prepare an oration for the consecration of the Lodge. The W. M. (Bro. James M. Duncan) was appointed delegate to the Grand Lodge.

September 28th.—Nine brethren present. Charles Slade, F. C., of Libanus Lodge No. 29, visiting. The members contributed \$22 towards paying the expenses of the delegate to Grand Lodge, and "thirteen dollars in specie" was appropriated as charter fee. Committee appointed to procure furniture, and the Lodge closed.

September 28th—Eden Lodge No. 11.—Eight brethren present. Robert G. Adams and William S. Adams initiated.

Of Albion Lodge we have nothing definite, beyond the information already obtained, except the following:

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Indiana:

"A dispensation from the Most Worshipful John Sheets, Esq., Grand Master, was granted on the 12th March, 1822, to a number of petitioners residing in Albion, Illinois, authorizing them to open and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons at Albion, to be known and designated by the name of Albion Lodge, and naming Bro. James O. Wattles, Master; John B. Johnson, Senior, and Arnold B. Dake, Junior Wardens, which being enclosed to me, with directions to organize the Lodge, I proceeded on the 13th of April to install the officers named in the dispensation, with the other subordinate officers which had been chosen for that purpose. The good effect produced by the solemnities of a public installation were so visible in the vicinity of Carlisle Lodge, that the brethren of Albion were very desirous to have their's in public. As it was only a dispensation, I had some doubts as to propriety of the measure, but upon consulting with the brethren of this place, we concluded there would be no impropriety in it. Mr. Twigg, the brother appointed by the Albion Lodge to attend the Grand Lodge with the dispensation and a copy of the proceedings of the Lodge, will be able to give any information that may be thought necessary as to the installation.

Respectfully,

"JAMES T. MOFFATT.

"NOTE.—As these are the only returns I have ever made, you will please to excuse informality, and should they not be sufficiently explicit, you will please give me notice of the same.

"VINCENNES, Sept. 30, 1822.

"DEAR SIR:—The bearer of this, Mr. Twigg, is a member of the Albion Lodge, has a copy of proceedings, and wishes to get their dispensation renewed. Anything you can do for him will be reciprocated by your friend,

"J. T. MOFFATT."

October 3d—Olive Branch Lodge No. 5.—Twelve brethren present. Breth. C. W. Hunter and Emanuel J. West raised.

October 12th.—Five brethren present. No business transacted.

October 14th.—Nine brethren present. No business, beyond allowing sundry accounts, transacted.

October 19th.—Nine brethren present. Three pages of quarto record are used in detailing the discussion and motions, *pro* and *con*, on a bill of Bro. Hibbard, amounting in the whole, to \$12.25. A contract for rent of Lodge-room for one year, at "twelve dollars in specie per annum, or thirty dollars in State paper," was authorized to be made.

October 25th.—Bro. Gouley, Grand Secretary of Missouri, has kindly forwarded to us, together with sundry other papers, the original charter of Sangamon Lodge No. 9, issued by the Grand Lodge of Missouri. This charter is of the same form now used, except that the names of all the charter members are not inserted. It was granted to Stephen Stillman, Gershom Jayne, and John Moore, "and several others" (of these three, Bro. Stillman was Master; Gershom Jayne, Senior Warden; and John Moore, Junior Warden), and was granted October twenty-fifth, A. D. 1822, and was (or rather is) signed by N. B. Tucker, Grand Master; Thompson Douglass, Deputy Grand Master; and attested by Wm. Renshaw, Grand Secretary.

November 5th—Olive Branch No. 5.—Fourteen brethren present. George Hacket initiated.

November 14th.—Nine brethren present. "W. N. Aldrich, Master, presented a circular letter from the Vandalia Lodge requesting the concurrence of this Lodge to certain resolutions of Vandalia Lodge, soliciting this Lodge to send delegates, to meet delegates from the several Lodges in this State, at Vandalia, on the second Monday of December next, for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge in this State.

"*Resolved*, that the same be concurred in, and that a delegation be accordingly appointed for that purpose.

"Which was agreed to. On motion of Bro. H. H. Gear, Chas. Gear, S. W.; Benj. Spencer, J. W.; James W. Whitney, E. J. West, C. W. Hunter, Aug. Langworthy, and Erastus Brown were appointed as delegates accordingly." Petitions of Cyrus Hibbard, Culver Woodburn, and John Twichell, were received and referred. H. P. Rundel and Edward Bishop passed. A matter of difficulty between two brethren was referred to a committee, consisting of Breth. Langworthy, Spencer, and Charles Gear, to be adjusted "without the intervention of the Lodge."

December 4th.—Thirteen brethren present. No business transacted.

On Monday, the 9th day of December, A. D. 1822, a number of delegates assembled at Vandalia, and proceeded to organize a convention. The following letter will explain how the proceedings of this conven-

tion, and constitution adopted thereat, come into possession of the Grand Secretary :

" PLEASANT HILL, Pike Co., June 1, 1859.

"DEAR BROTHER :—I wrote some days since to you a few lines, that I had made a discovery among some old papers, of a copy of a Grand Lodge Constitution, also a copy of the proceedings of a Masonic Convention, dated December 9th, 1822, A. L. 5822.

"These papers were copied by me at the time the convention met in Vandalia, from the originals, as the doings of that convention, and I have no doubt they are accurate and correct.

"Knowing that you are engaged in collecting materials for a history of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I have considered it of some importance to copy them and transmit such copy to you.

"I showed these old papers to Bro. Noyes, our Worshipful of Pittsfield Lodge 55 [56], who thinks it would be well to make a fair copy and deposit the same in Pittsfield Lodge, for the inspection and examination of the brethren * *

"Very truly and fraternally yours, &c.,

"J. W. WHITNEY.

"Bro. H. G. REYNOLDS,
Grand Secretary."

" MASONIC CONVENTION, DECEMBER 9TH, 1822.

"At a meeting of the brethren consisting of the delegates of the different Lodges in the State of Illinois, on Monday, December 9th, A. L. 5822, Bro. Thomas C. Brown was appointed Chairman, and Bro. Wm. H. Brown, Secretary.

"The following brethren produced their certificates and were recognized as delegates, viz.:

"*From Libanus Lodge No. 29.*—Richard J. McKinney, Dennis Rockwell, John Y. Sawyer, Nathaniel Buckmaster, William H. Hopkins, and David Pricket.

"*From Western Star Lodge No. 107.*—Thomas Reynolds and Shadrach Bond.

"*From Olive Branch Lodge No. 5.*—James W. Whitney, Charles Gear, and Charles W. Hunter.

"*From Albion Lodge.*—Benjamin J. Mills and Gilbert T. Pell.

"*From Eden Lodge No. 11.*—James Turney.

"*From Union Lodge No. 11 [10].*—Abner Field and Charles Dunn.

"*From Vandalia Lodge No. 8.*—William H. Brown, James M. Duncan, John S. Duncan, Russell Botsford, E. C. Berry, John Warnock.

"*From Lawrence Lodge No. 34.*—Thomas C. Brown and James Hall."

"On motion,

"Resolved, That a committee be appointed to form a constitution for a Grand Lodge, in the State of Illinois, and that that committee report to-morrow at 4 o'clock.

"Bros. T. Reynolds, C. W. Hunter, G. T. Pell, James Turney, Abner Field, Wm. H. Brown, James Hall, and John Y. Sawyer were appointed that committee.

"On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge be located at Vandalia.

"The convention then adjourned until to-morrow, at 4 o'clock P. M.

"December 10th, A. L. 5822.

"The convention again assembled. Bro. Sawyer, from the committee appointed to draft a Constitution for a Grand Lodge, reported the following Constitution, which was read section by section and adopted :

"CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS,

"OF ANCIENT, FREE, AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

"Be it ordained that the Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior and Grand Junior Wardens, a Grand Chaplain, a Grand Treasurer, a Grand Secretary, and Deputy Grand Secretary, two Grand Deacons, a Grand Marshal, a Grand Tyler, two Grand Stewards, a Grand Sword Bearer, a Grand Pursuivant, the Masters and Wardens for the time being of the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, all Past Grand officers of this [Grand] Lodge, and all Past Masters of regular Lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, who continue members of any regular Lodge, are likewise considered members of and admitted to vote in this Grand Lodge, also, those members who are present at, and signed the instrument drawn up and agreed upon at the convention for the formation of this Grand Lodge, whilst they continue members of, and pay 'dues to, any regular Lodge in this State.

"Sec. 2nd. The Grand Lodge so organized shall be styled and known by the name of THE GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS, OF ANCIENT, FREE, AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

"Sec. 3d. The Grand Lodge shall hold annual communications, and the Grand Master, or his Deputy in case of his absence, may on *very urgent occasions call special meetings*.

"Sec. 4th. When any officer of a subordinate Lodge can not attend the Grand Lodge, he may depute any brother of equal or superior rank to himself, to act for him in the Grand Lodge, and such deputation shall be under the hand and seal of the brother deputing. When the Master and Wardens of any subordinate Lodge depute the same brother to represent them, he must have attained at least the rank of a Past Master.

"Sec. 5th. The grand officers may hold offices in subordinate Lodges, and this shall not deprive them of any privilege they might claim in the Grand Lodge as Past Grand officers.

"Sec. 6th. The Grand Master, Grand Senior and Junior Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall be annually elected by ballot. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary shall appoint their deputies, respectively, and until the Grand Lodge shall, by its by-laws otherwise provide, the Grand Master shall appoint all other officers.

"Sec. 7th. In all questions which shall come before the Grand Lodge for its decision, every subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to three votes, *which shall not be separated*; but the brethren representing such Lodge, shall agree among themselves on which side the vote shall be given, and *every* Present or Past Grand Officer, and *all* Past Masters being members of this Grand Lodge shall be entitled to one vote individually, and the Grand Master and [or] his Deputy, when presiding, shall, whenever necessary, give the casting vote.

"Sec. 8th. The Grand Lodge shall have power to constitute new Lodges by letters patent, under *their* seal; to establish an uniform mode of working throughout the State, strictly adhering to the ancient landmarks, usages and customs of Masonry, and to require from the several Lodges under their jurisdiction, such annual dues as they shall deem necessary, to be appropriated for the benefit of the Craft; to hear and determine all appeals from subordinate Lodges, and to decide all disputes between different Lodges under this jurisdiction; to demand such fees as may be deemed just and reasonable upon granting charters constituting new Lodges; to make such by-laws as may be necessary for their good government and not inconsistent with this Constitution; and finally to do all things heretofore accustomed to be done by other Grand Lodges which are within the ancient landmarks and usages of the Craft.

"Sec. 9th. That in addition to the officers enumerated in the first clause of this Constitution, there may be annually appointed one or more Grand Lecturers, whose duty it shall be at least once in every year to visit all the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge for the purpose of establishing an uniform mode of working, and of correcting any errors which may have obtained among them.

"Sec. 10th. No alteration shall take place in this Constitution except in the following manner: every amendment shall be proposed in writing at a regular communication of the Grand Lodge, a fair copy of which shall be sent by the Grand Secretary to each of the subordinate Lodges, who shall pass or reject the same; and certify their proceedings to the regular communication; when if it appears that two-thirds of the subordinate Lodges have agreed to pass the same, it shall become a part of this Constitution.

"Formed and signed upon this 9th [10th] day of December, A. L. 5822.

Signed by Richard T. McKinney, Dennis Rockwell, John Y. Sawyer, Nathaniel Buckmaster, William H. Hopkins, and David Pricket, from Libanus Lodge No. 29; Thomas Reynolds and Shadrach Bond, from Western Star Lodge No. 107; James W. Whitney, Charles Gear, and Charles W. Hunter, from Olive Branch Lodge No. 5; Benjamin J. Mills and Gilbert T. Pell, from Albion Lodge; James Turney, from Eden Lodge No. 11; Abner Field and Charles Dunn, from Union Lodge No. 11 [10]; William H. Brown, James M. Duncan, John S. Duncan, Russell Botsford, E. C. Berry, and John Warnock, from Vandalia Lodge No. 8; Thomas Brown and James Hall, from Lawrence Lodge No. 34.

"On motion of Bro. Dunn,

"*Resolved*, That the delegates from each Lodge take a copy of the constitution and transmit the same to their respective Lodges.

"Adjourned until to-morrow at 4 o'clock P. M.

"WEDNESDAY, December 11th, A. L. 5822.

"The convention met pursuant to adjournment.

"On motion of Bro. Hall, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That we proceed forthwith to the nominations of persons to fill the offices of Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, which nominations shall be presented to the several Lodges, with the constitu-

tion recommended for their adoption; and if a majority of the Lodges approve of said nominations, the persons so nominated shall be considered as duly elected.

"*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the several Lodges, immediately upon the ratification or disapproval by them of the proceedings of this convention, to transmit notice of the same to the Grand Master elect, and if it appear that a majority of the Lodges concur in the proceedings of the convention, then the Grand Lodge shall be considered as duly organized, and the Grand Master shall order the first meeting of the same at such time as he shall think proper.

"Whereupon, the convention proceeded to ballot for officers, when, upon counting the ballots, it appeared that Shadrach Bond was elected Grand Master; John Y. Sawyer, Grand Senior Warden; Wm. M. Alexander, Grand Junior Warden; Richard T. McKinney, Grand Secretary; James O. Wattles, Grand Treasurer.

"On motion of Bro. Hall,

"*Resolved*, That a copy of the minutes of the convention be made out by the Secretary, and countersigned by the Chairman, and that a copy of the constitution now formed be deposited in Vandalia Lodge until the Grand Lodge is organized.

"The convention then adjourned *sine die*.

(Signed)

"THOMAS C. BROWN, *Chairman*.

"WM. H. BROWN, *Secretary*."

December 12th—Olive Branch, No. 5.—Ten brethren present. John Twitchell affiliated. Culver Woodburn initiated, Jonathan Haskell raised, and petition of Daniel McFain received and referred.

December 3d.—Six brethren present. Cyrus Hibbard initiated.

Minutes had been partially made of meetings of No. 5 on the 26th and 27th of December, but nothing seems to have been done. The meeting of the 26th was opened on the third degree, and there the record closes. At the meeting of the 27th, the Lodge does not appear to have been opened.

CHAPTER VIII.

1823-24-25.

January 9th, 1823—Olive Branch No. 5.—Fifteen brethren present. Samuel W. Rhodes and Edward Bishop raised. Cyrus Hibbard passed.

January 10th.—Ten brethren present. Resolution introduced by Bro. Whitney to prohibit smoking in the Lodge; laid over to regular meeting for consideration. Twenty dollars appropriated to "procure benches."

February 11th.—Nine brethren present. Lodge had met for instruction, and, after lecturing on the third degree, closed.

February 13th.—Twenty-three brethren present. Horatio Newhall and Henry P. Rundle raised.

February 14th.—Fourteen brethren present. Cyrus Hibbard raised. Bro. Whitney's resolution to prohibit "smoking in the Lodge" was negatived.

February 18th.—Ten brethren present. George Hackett passed.

February 20th.—Thirteen brethren present. Petition of "Samuel Gates of Green county," received and referred. George Hackett raised.

February —.—Fourteen brethren present.

March 10th.—Ten brethren present.

March 12th.—Ten brethren present.

No business of importance transacted at these meetings. For the months of April and May, 1823, we have no information whatever, and can gain none. The following is all we have for June.

"Pursuant to a charter granted by the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and by authority of the Deputy Grand Master (the Grand Master being absent) to George H. C. Melody, to consecrate, dedicate, and install Sangamon Lodge No. 9, and in pursuance of said authority, on the 24th day of June, A. L. 5823, A. D. 1823, the Grand Lodge was opened at Springfield, Sangamon county, Ills. Present: George H. C. Melody, Dep. G. M., *p. t.*; Asa S. Shaw, S. Warden, *p. t.*; James Adams, G. Sec'y, *p. t.*, and Grand Chaplain, *p. t.* Whereupon, Lodge No. 9 was consecrated and dedicated to the Holy St. Johns, and the following officers installed, to-wit: Bro. Stephen Stillman being absent, Bro. John More, being a

Past Master, and one of the officers named in the charter, was enstalled Master, *proxy*; Bro. Gershom Jayne, Senior Warden; Bro. John Moore, Junior Warden, being the same brother who was enstalled Master, *proxy*.

"G. H. C. MELODY.

"Attested: J. ADAMS, *G. Sec'y, p. t.*"

For the months of July, August, and September, we are unable to present any information as to the doings of the Lodges. From a return to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, we ascertain that the officers of Olive Branch Lodge No. 5, Upper Alton, for 1823, were as follows: Nelson Aldrich, W. M.; Emanuel J. West, S. W.; Southard Shaw, J. W.; Henry P. Rundle, Treasurer; Alexander Hart, Secretary; Benjamin Spencer, S. D.; Benjamin Harwood, J. D.; Culver Woodburn, Steward; William Heath, Tyler; and that the members were: Erastus Brown, Chad Brown, Edward Bishop, Geo. W. Britton, Joel Finch, Hezekiah H. Gear, Charles Gear, Charles W. Hunter, Jonathan Haskill, George Hewett, George Hackett, Aug. Langworthy, Daniel Monross, Samuel W. Rhodes, Henry H. Snow, Samuel Slater, John Twichell, James W. Whitney, Horatio Newhall, Samuel P. Hibbard, Jonathan B. Fay, Cyrus Hibbard. We have also the original return of Vandalia Lodge No. 8, which is given here entire:

"RETURN OF VANDALIA LODGE No. 8 TO THE GRAND LODGE,
OCT. 6, 1823.

"*Names of Members.*—William H. Brown, Master; Senior Warden vacant; Junior Warden suspended; John C. Kellogg, Senior Deacon; Robert H. Peebles, Junior Deacon; Benjamin Mills, Secretary; Frederick Hollman, Treasurer; Joseph Enos, Tyler; Robert Latty, Nathaniel Sanburn, Robert K. McLaughlin, William McFatrige, Master Masons.

"*Members admitted since last Communication.*—Robert K. McLaughlin, initiated, passed, and raised; Horatio Newhall, initiated and passed; Robert H. Peebles, initiated, passed, and raised; Wm. McFatrige, initiated, passed, and raised; Cyrus Birge, initiated; Wm. Johnson, initiated.

"*Demitted.*—John Warnock, John S. Duncan, Moses K. Botsford, Russel Botsford.

"*Suspended.*—William L. D. Ewing and Elijah C. Berry.

"*Struck from the list of members for neglect of paying Lodge dues.*—James Hull.

"*Members of Vandalia Lodge who have removed, and are out the power of this Lodge.*—Robert Beard, Rowland R. Holmes, Waters Baugh.

"WM. H. BROWN, M."

The officers of Union Lodge No. 10 were as follows: B. W. BROOKS, W. M.; JAMES S. SMITH, S. W.; JOHN HUNSAKER, J. W.; JESSE ECHOLS, Sec'y; GEORGE HUNSAKER, Treasurer; Jacob HYBERGER, S. D.; AUGUSTUS RICHURN, J. D.; JOHN BOLTZELL, Tyler.

In order to show how trials were conducted in "those days," we give the following document verbatim, excepting the name of the party concerned:

"ALTON, November 13th, A. L. 5823. }
OLIVE BRANCH LODGE No. 5. }

"Charges and specifications against Bro. ——— was read, viz: (Charge, unmasonic conduct. *Specification 1st.*—Having absconded with his family secretly while indebted to a number of his fellow citizens, to whom he was under promises to pay them at a certain time, while he was privately preparing to depart, in violation of his engagements. *Specification 2d.*—Having violated all faith which ought to be held sacred as a man, and more particularly as a Mason, by spinning, under pretence of borrowing or buying a horse, saddle, and bridle, to make his escape with. *Specification 3d.*—In purchasing a large amount of property from a number of citizens with an intent to defraud them, as has been fully developed by his subsequent conduct. *Specification 4th.*—Having left the Lodge without paying his dues, and having defrauded many brethren of what he was indebted to them); and separately carried in the affirmative; when, on motion of Bro. Alex. Hart, seconded by Bro. Chas. W. Hunter. it was resolved unanimously that Bro. ——— be expelled of the privileges of Masonry.

"A true copy of the record.

ALEXANDER HART, *Sec.*

"T. DOUGLAS, *Sec. of the G. L. of Missouri.*"

It will be seen that the charges and specifications were read, and the brother was expelled immediately after, upon motion.

The return of Eden Lodge No. 11 reported JOHN SMITH as W. M.; CHARLES MULLIKEN, S. W.; and THOMAS G. GASLEY, J. W. It also reports that — WHITE, WM. G. BROWN, JOEL POTTER, and T. MOORE were initiated. — HARVICK, — HOLDEN passed, and — HOLDEN, — HARVICK, — LEVERING, and — TEMPLE raised.

Our data for the year 1824 from which to proceed is very scant, until we shall come to the month of December.

In April, the Grand Lodge of Illinois having become a fixed fact, the constitution adopted in December, 1822, having been ratified, Vandalia Lodge took the initiative, and addressed the following letter to the Grand Lodge of Missouri:

"VANDALIA, April 2, 1824.

"M. W. Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri:

"By a resolution of Vandalia Lodge No. 8, I am instructed to inform you that in consequence of the formation of a Grand Lodge in this State, this Lodge is desirous of withdrawing from your jurisdiction, as it has attached itself to the Grand Lodge of Illinois. With sentiments of respect,

"I am M. W. brother, yours, &c.,

"WM. H. BROWN,

"*Sec'y. of V. L. No. 8.*"

"Eden Lodge No. 11, reported to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, the following work done during the year 1824: — Hollingread, — Wilton, and — Hanan initiated. — Hollingread, — Moore, — Wilton, and — Brown passed. — Hollingread, — Moore, and — Adams raised, and Charles Slade admitted.

The officers and members of Union Lodge, for 1824, were as follows: James S. Smith, W. M.; John Hunsaker, S. W.; John Whitaker, J. W.; B. W. Brooks, Secretary; George Hunsaker, Treasurer; John Boltzell, S. D.; A. Richburn, J. D.; John C. Collier, Steward and Tyler; Richard M. Young, James Finney, Abner Field, Henry S. Webb, David H. Moore, Edmund Vancil, Jesse Echols, M. M., Henry Lysterly, and Allen Penrod, Entered Apprentices. The following communication from Olive Branch Lodge we present entire:

"MASONIC HALL, OLIVE BRANCH LODGE No. 5, }
ALTON, December 11th, 1824. }

"To the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri:

"BROTHER:—Conformably to a resolution of this Lodge it has become my duty to present you with a description of —, late a member, and by this Lodge expelled on the 13th November, A. L. 5823. Said — was born in Connecticut, aged about 45 years, near six feet high, light complexion and hair, blue eyes, and by profession a farmer and drover. He was made a Master Mason in the Morning Starr Lodge No. 47, in the town of Oxford, Connecticut. It is reported he is now living at Cincinnati, Ohio. I have the honor to be with great respect,

"Yours, fraternally,

"CHAS. W. HUNTER,

"Secretary."

The letter of Union Lodge No. 10, asking leave to withdraw, is also presented:

"JONESBOROUGH, ILL., 4th Nov. 1824.

"To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Missouri:

"Whereas, a Grand Lodge has been recently established in the State of Illinois, and our Lodge, formerly 'Union Lodge No. 10,' having attached itself to it under the title of 'Union Lodge No. 8,' by said Grand Lodge.

"Wherefore, we the members of Union Lodge are desirous of withdrawing ourselves from the jurisdiction of your Grand Lodge, if agreeably to your will and pleasure, and request that the Grand Secretary would have the goodness to transmit us by mail, the amount of the balance of our fees, dues, &c., remaining due and unpaid to your Grand Lodge, and the money shall be remitted as soon as possible.

"Yours very affectionately and fraternally,

"B. W. BROOKS, Secretary,

"Union Lodge No. 8."

On the sixth day of December, A. D. 1824, the Grand Lodge of Illinois assembled for the first time of which there exists any record. The Grand Lodge did meet in December 1823, when it was formally organized, and the officers installed by R. W. Bro. George H. C. Melody, D. G. Master Grand Lodge of Missouri. No record of this meeting can be found. We are, therefore, under the necessity of presenting what we have:

"At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, held at Vandalia, on Monday, the 6th day of December, A. L. 5824:

"Present: James Hall, D. G. M. and G. M. *pro tem.*; George H. C. Melody, D. G. M. *pro tem.*; John Y. Sawyer, G. S. W.; William M. Alexander, J. G. W.; William H. Brown, D. G. Secretary; James O. Wattles, G. Treasurer; James M. Duncan, G. S. D.; Richard J. Hamilton, G. J. D.; Emanuel J. West, G. Tyler, *pro tem.*

"DELEGATES.—Albion Lodge, Jesse B. Brown and Henry J. Mills; Union Lodge, James S. Smith, W. M., Henry S. Webb, P. M.; Vandalia Lodge, Robert H. Peebles, W. M., Nathaniel Sanburn, J. W., Wm. H. Brown, P. M.; Lawrence Lodge, James Hall and Thomas C. Browne; Hiram Lodge, Richard J. Hamilton, W. M.; Western Starr Lodge, Thomas Reynolds.

"VISITING BRETHREN.—Alexander, Philips, John M. Robinson, of Western Starr Lodge; Nicholas Hansen and Thomas J. McGuire, of Libanus Lodge; William Twigg, of Albion Lodge; Daniel Hay, of Lawrence Lodge; Curtis Blakeman, of St. Andrews Lodge, N. Y.; Aaron Knapp, of Homer Lodge, N. Y.

"On motion of Bro. Grand Senior Warden,

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to examine the credentials of delegates attending this Grand Lodge.

"Whereupon, Brethren Sawyer, Wattles, and J. B. Brown were appointed that committee.

"The credentials of the delegates from Albion Lodge were read and referred to the Committee on Credentials.

"The report from Union Lodge was read and referred to the last mentioned committee.

"The petition of Jacob C. Bruner was read, and on motion of Brother Grand Treasurer, referred to a select committee consisting of Brethren Wattles, Hamilton, and J. B. Brown.

"On motion of Bro. Grand Junior Warden,

"*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to inquire how far the subordinate Lodges within this State are affected by the resolution declaring that 'the Lodges which assisted at the formation of this Grand Lodge, shall be considered as within our jurisdiction,' and what is the operation of said resolution in regard to such Lodges.

"Brethren Alexander, Field, Hamilton, Wattles, and Dunn were appointed that committee.

"The following committees were appointed by the M. W. Grand Master *pro tem.*, viz.:

"To examine the accounts of the Treasurer: Breth. Webb and Hamilton.

"To examine the books and papers of the Secretary: Breth. Reynolds and J. B. Brown.

"On motion,

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge adjourn until to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

"TUESDAY, December 7.

"The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

"Present: The same as yesterday, with the addition of Breth. James Watts, of Libanus Lodge; Frederick Hollman, of Vandalia Lodge;

James Adams, of Skaneateles Lodge, N. Y.; Stephen Stillman, of Sangamo Lodge; Richard M. Young, of Union Lodge; Joseph Duncan, of Hiram Lodge; and David Coons, of Olive Branch Lodge.

"The Committee on Credentials made the following report:

"The committee to whom was referred the examination of credentials, report that the credentials of all the Lodges represented here are in form, with the exception of Albion Lodge, which has appointed delegates instead of their being appointed by the officers of the Lodge as proxies, your committee, therefore, beg leave to introduce the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the delegates from Albion Lodge be allowed to take their seats in this Grand Lodge."

"Which report and resolution were concurred in.

"Bro. Wattles, from the select committee on the petition of Jacob C. Bruner, reported favorably to the prayer of the petitioner, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That Jacob C. Bruner, who has been expelled from Libanus Lodge, be restored to his membership in the same, and to the privileges of Masonry; but that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the said Lodge from proceeding to the trial of the charges exhibited against him.

"Which report and resolution were ordered to lie on the table.

"The Grand Senior Warden made the following report:

"In the absence of the M. W. Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden reports that a charter has been granted to Albion Lodge, and a dispensation to Hart Fellows and others, of Carrollton, in the county of Greene, during the vacation, with orders to return it to this grand communication."

"The M. W. Grand Master *pro tem.* appointed Breth. Mills, McGuire, and Hamilton the standing Committee on Reports of Lodges.

"The reports of Hiram and Vandalia Lodges were read and referred to the last mentioned committee.

"The committee appointed to examine the Secretary's books and papers, report that they have performed that duty, and find them correct, except in one instance, where the names of the visiting brethren were omitted to be inserted.

"On motion of Bro. Deputy Grand Secretary, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Reports from Lodges be required to examine and report whether the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge have complied with the by-laws, in the payment of their dues.

"On motion,

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge adjourn till to-morrow at 2 o'clock P. M.

" WEDNESDAY, December 8.

"The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

"Present, as before.

"The Grand Treasurer begs leave to report that during the past year he has received from Palestine Lodge five dollars towards payment for the dispensation granted from the Grand Secretary, and no more; making in all *six* dollars, which remains in his hands, subject to the disposal of the Grand Lodge.

"The committee appointed to inquire how far the subordinate Lodges are affected by the formation of this Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodges they formerly or now work, made a report, which was concurred in.

"The committee to whom was referred the reports of the subordinate Lodges, made a report, which was concurred in.

"On motion of Bro. Junior Grand Warden,

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to draft a memorial to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to inquire into the causes which have induced that Grand Lodge to suspend the Western Star Lodge, at Kaskaskia.

"Breth. Alexander, Hamilton, and Sawyer were appointed that committee.

"The report from Albion Lodge was read and referred to the Committee on Reports from Lodges.

"On motion of Bro. Reynolds, the petition of Jacob C. Bruner was taken up, read,

"And on motion of Bro. Grand Junior Warden, the following resolution was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That as Libanus Lodge is working under the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, this Grand Lodge can take no cognizance of said petition.

"On motion of Bro. Grand Senior Warden, the following resolution was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That the subordinate Lodges who assisted at the formation of this Grand Lodge, and have neglected to surrender their charters from other Grand Lodges, and taken charters from this Grand Lodge, be allowed a further time of six months to perform that duty.

"*Resolved*, That the Lodges neglecting the requisitions of the preceding resolution, be stricken from the roll of this Grand Lodge, and that these Lodges be immediately furnished with a copy of these resolutions.

"On motion,

"*Resolved*, That an election for grand officers of this Grand Lodge be held this evening at 7 o'clock, and that the officers so elected be publicly installed tomorrow, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

"A communication from E. C. Berry was received, and, on motion of Bro. Grand Junior Warden, it was referred to a select committee consisting of Breth. Alexander, Duncan, and Reynolds.

"The Committee on Reports from Lodges made a report, accompanied by the following resolution, both of which were concurred in :

"*Resolved*, That the delegates from Albion Lodge are entitled to all the privileges and rights of members of this Grand Lodge.

"The M. W. Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of grand officers for the ensuing year, when, upon counting the ballots, it appeared

that Bro. James Hall was elected M. W. Grand Master; Bro. John York Sawyer, R. W. Grand Senior Warden; Bro. Richard J. Hamilton, R. W. Grand Junior Warden; Bro. James O. Wattles, R. W. Grand Treasurer; Bro. William H. Brown, R. W. Grand Secretary.

"The M. W. Grand Lodge then adjourned till to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

"THURSDAY, December 9.

"The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

"A Lodge of Past Master Masons was opened.

"Present: R. W. George H. C. Melody, G. M.; R. W. Henry L. Webb, G. S. W.; R. W. James O. Wattles, G. J. W.; Bro. James Watts, G. S. D.; Bro. Robert H. Peebles, G. J. D.; Bro. James S. Smith, G. Tyler.

"And after some business done therein, the Lodge was closed, and a Lodge of Master Masons opened.

"M. W. James Hall, G. Master elect; R. W. John Y. Sawyer, G. S. W.; R. W. Richard J. Hamilton, G. J. W.; R. W. James O. Wattles, G. Treas.: R. W. William H. Brown, G. Secretary; Bro. Thomas Reynolds, G. S. D., *pro tem.*; Bro. Emanuel J. West, G. J. D., *pro tem.*; Joseph Enos, G. Tyler, *pro tem.* Breth. Watts, Dunn, and others, visiting brethren.

"The grand officers elect of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, were then installed in due form, by the R. W. George H. C. Melody, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

"On motion of Bro. Grand Senior Warden,

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to Bro. Melody for his polite attention and fraternal kindness in attending the present Annual Grand Communication, and for the aid he has rendered in the performance of our duties.

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to wait on Bro. Melody and present to him the above resolution, and request him to receive the sum of twenty dollars, to discharge the expenses of his visit to us, which sum the Grand Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay over to said committee.

"*Ordered*, That Breth. Sawyer, Webb, and Reynolds be the committee.

"The M. W. Grand Lodge then adjourned till to-morrow at two o'clock in the afternoon.

"FRIDAY, December 10th.

"The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

"Present: M. W. James Hall, G. M.; R. W. John York Sawyer, G. S. W.; R. W. Richard J. Hamilton, G. J. W.; R. W. James O. Wattles, G. Treas.; R. W. William H. Brown, G. Sec.; Bro. Robert H. Peebles, G. S. D., *pro tem.*; Bro. Charles Dunn, G. J. D., *pro tem.*; Bro. Joseph Enos, G. Tyler, *pro tem.*; Breth. Whiteaker, Webb, H. J. Mills, Norton, Twigg, Smith, Utter, and Adams, members and visitors.

"The M. W. Grand Master made the following appointments, viz.: Bro. Henry H. Snow, Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Robert H. Peebles, Grand

Senior Deacon; Bro. Emanuel J. West, Grand Junior Deacon; John Whiteaker, Grand Marshal; Bro. Thomas Reynolds, Grand Sword Bearer; Charles Dunn, Grand Pursuivant; Breth. James S. Smith and John Warnock, Grand Stewards; Bro. Joseph Enos, Grand Tyler.

"The Grand Secretary appointed Bro. Thomas L. Posey, Deputy Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

"On motion of Bro. Grand Treasurer,

"Resolved, That all the subordinate Lodges in this State shall receive charters so soon as they have discharged their dues to the Grand Lodges under which they have hitherto held, and withdrawn from the jurisdiction of such Grand Lodges, on application to the M. W. Grand Master, and surrendering to him their former charters.

"On motion of Bro. Grand Senior Deacon, the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

"WHEREAS, The Vandalia Lodge has paid to Col. William Berry the sum of forty dollars, as a compensation for the loss of his sword, destroyed by the conflagration of the State House, after the meeting of this Grand Lodge in 1823, therefore,

"Resolved, That the dues owing by said Lodge to this M. W. Grand Lodge for the present year be remitted.

"The by-laws of Union Lodge were presented and referred to the Committee on Reports from Lodges.

"On motion of Bro. Dunn,

"Resolved, That it be recommended by this Grand Lodge to each of the Lodges subordinate thereto, to transact the ordinary business of the Lodge in an Entered Apprentice's Lodge, and to receive and act upon all petitions for membership, or any degree in Masonry, in a Master's Lodge only; and that the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of this resolution to each of the subordinate Lodges.

"The M. W. Grand Lodge then adjourned till to-morrow afternoon, two o'clock.

"A Past Masters' Lodge was then opened, and Breth. Snow, Peebles, Dunn, West, Reynolds, Whiteaker, Smith, Warnock, and Enos were duly installed in their respective offices.

"The Past Masters' Lodge was then closed in peace and harmony.

"TUESDAY, December 14th.

"The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.*

"Present, as before.

"Bro. Guy W. Smith presented the dispensation granted in vacation to certain brethren residing in Palestine; also a return from said Lodge, which was received.

"On motion of Bro. Grand Treasurer, a charter was granted to Palestine Lodge, and time was given them till the next Grand Communication to pay the fees due for said charter.

*There was no meeting on Saturday, the 11th. The Grand Lodge was adjourned to that time, met, was not opened, and adjourned to Tuesday, December 14, at 2 o'clock P. M.

"Bro. Reynolds, from the committee appointed upon the memorial of E. C. Berry, made a report, which was adopted, and the Grand Secretary ordered to forward a copy to the Grand Lodge of Missouri immediately.

"*Ordered*, That the dispensation heretofore granted to the brethren residing at Carrollton be renewed, and continued in full until the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

"Union and Vandalia Lodges having paid to the Grand Lodge of Missouri the dues owing to said Grand Lodge, and having surrendered their charters to this Grand Lodge, it is ordered that charters be issued to said Union Lodge as Union Lodge No. 7, and Vandalia Lodge as Vandalia Lodge No. 5.

"On motion,

"*Ordered*, That Breth. Peebles and Brown be a committee to confer with Mr. Bullard on account of the rent of this room for the use of this Grand Lodge.

"The Grand Lodge was then adjourned till the first day of January next, and a Lodge of Past Masters opened, when Bro. Guy W. Smith was introduced and duly installed Master of Palestine Lodge, in ample form.

"The Lodge of Past Masters was then closed in peace and harmony.

"JANUARY 1st, A. L. 5825.

"The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

"Present: M. W. James Hall, G. M.; R. W. Henry H. Snow, Deputy G. M.; R. W. John Y. Sawyer, G. S. W.; R. W. Robert W. Peebles, G. J. W., *pro. tem.*; R. W. James O. Wattles, G. Treasurer; R. W. Benj. Mills, G. Secretary, *pro. tem.*; Bro. Benjamin Twigg, G. S. D.; Bro. Emanuel J. West, G. J. D.; Joseph Enos, G. Tyler.

"A report from Olive Branch Lodge was presented, read, and accepted.

"Bro. Grand Junior Deacon presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the R. W. Deputy Grand Master of this Grand Lodge be and he is hereby authorized and required to visit each and every Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge once in each year.

"On motion of Bro. Grand Junior Deacon,

"That the thanks of this M. W. Grand Lodge be presented, through the M. W. Grand Master, to the Honorable Senate of the State of Illinois, for the polite offer of the use of the senate chamber for the use of this Grand Lodge.

"The R. W. Grand Senior Warden presented a memorial, which, upon his motion, was adopted as a substitute for the one presented upon the petition of E. C. Berry, and ordered to be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

"On motion of Bro. Grand Senior Deacon,

"*Ordered*, That the sum of four dollars be appropriated for the payment of John Bullard, for the use of his chamber.

"On motion of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master,

"*Ordered*, That upon the presentation of their work, Constitution and By-laws to the M. W. Grand Master, or his Deputy, a charter be granted in vacation to Green Lodge as No. 11.

"On motion of Brother Grand Treasurer,

"*Ordered*, That the sum of seven dollars be allowed to Bro. Joseph Enos, for his services as Tyler; and that the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay over to Bro. Enos, said sum, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

"No further business appearing before the Grand Lodge, it was closed in peace and harmony.

"WM. H. BROWN, *Grand Secretary*."

Immediately following the proceedings, is an abstract of the returns of the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge for the year 1824, which we here present:

"*Abstract of the return of Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, for the year 1824.*

	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Demitted.	Deaths.	Rejected.	Whole Number.
Olive Branch No. 4	2	3	4	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	25
Vandalia No. 5	2	1	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	12
Union No. 6	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	*1	17
Eden No. 7 .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hiram No. 8	3	3	3	.....	†1	.....	.....	.....	24
Albion No. 9	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	22
Palestine No. 10	5	5	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
Greene No. 11 .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11

"NOTE.—The Lodges at Kaskaskia, Shawneetown, and Edwardsville; the oldest in the State, and the Sangamo Lodge at Springfield, have not yet dissolved their connections with the Grand Lodges under whom they obtained charters, and united with the Grand Lodge of Illinois."

In the meantime, Western Star Lodge, at Kaskaskia, was making strenuous efforts to sever its connection with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, by whom its charter had been arrested, and effect an affiliation with the Grand Lodge of Illinois. The following letter will explain, in a manner, the difficulties that the Lodge at Kaskaskia was laboring under:

"*Samuel S. Crafton—about 23 years of age, light hair, heavy made, about 5 feet 9 inches high, by occupation a farmer.

"†William G. Shade—no description given.

"KASKASKIA, ILLINOIS, Oct. 20th, 1825.

"SIR AND BROTHER:—Your letter of the 22d ult. is now before me. The solicitude which I feel, to have the perplexing business of the late Western Star Lodge closed with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, prompts me to use every endeavor to facilitate its accomplishment.

"I am satisfied that the misunderstanding has not been sought or intended. The Western Star Lodge found itself much embarrassed by circumstances which it could not well control. The deranged state of the currency of the Country, about the year 1823, arising from a mistaken policy of State legislation, based as was alleged, upon the general depression of the country, paralyzed everything, the enforcement of contracts was suspended, and nothing but a depreciated paper system was transacted. The Lodge had previously made contracts, and payments from it became due, and in consequence of the general embarrassment, its means of collection were limited, and what was effected, was so far depreciated that it had to sacrifice considerable to meet its engagements. When the proposition was made to the Grand Lodge to close the accounts, it was calculated that it could be effected, but in that it was disappointed. Coercive measures were adopted (which, although painful under the peculiar circumstances of the times) and put into a train of operation, which were arrested by the recall of the charter, leaving no means for their completion. A little before that time, the Grand Lodge of Illinois was constituted, and a general solicitude was felt to become a branch of it, a resolution was adopted by that institution, to solicit the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to permit the Western Star Lodge to withdraw with its funds and furniture, and work under the Illinois jurisdiction, but the unfortunate destruction of the books and archives of the Illinois Grand Lodge shortly after, by the conflagration of the capital where they were deposited, prevented as, I am informed, its being communicated to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. In reference to that proposal were based the remarks contained in communication from W. S. L. in April 1824, and was not a proposition originating from the Western Star Lodge.

"In my communication of the 28th August last, I suggested the expediency of a special agency to close the business, it was the only method I could then devise, but since that time another expedient has occurred to me. Let a resolution be adopted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to restore the warrant of W. S. L. until it can complete the collection of the outstanding dues from its members, and take measures against the delinquents by suspension or expulsion according to its bye-laws; and to make its remittances and returns to the Grand Lodge, and upon its being made satisfactory to appear to the R. W. G. M., that the same has been done as far as practicable, that he grant privilege for the W. S. Lodge to surrender its charter and retain the jewels, furniture, &c., and be at liberty to unite with such Grand Lodge as it may deem expedient.

"It is evident from the books of the Lodge that a much larger sum is due to it from its members than is sufficient to pay the balance due the Grand Lodge, but no authority is now vested to collect it, and unless it be soon attended to, the dues will be in all probability lost, some of which, I am satisfied, has already become so. I am fully persuaded that considerable collections can be effected if authorized either by agency or the restoration of the charter. I wish it to be fully understood that I feel no disposition to dictate a course for the Grand Lodge, but my solicitude for the adjustment of the affairs in the present deranged and embarrassed condition, induces me to offer for the consideration of

the Grand Lodge and its officers, such projects as seem to me best calculated to bring about the accomplishment of the desired object. The subject is an unfortunate and an unpleasant one, and I heartily desire its termination in the most cordial and satisfactory manner, believing as I do that it has not been wantonly sought or intended, but growing solely out of circumstances misunderstood.

"Fraternally yours,

"WM. C. GREENUP."

After several other letters, none of which we have in our possession, the following was received :

"GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADJOURNED QUARTERLY }
COMMUNICATION, PHILADELPHIA, 21st Nov., 1825. }

"Resolved, that as soon as it shall satisfactorily appear to the R. W. Grand Master, that the debts of Lodge No. 107 are collected, and remittances thereof are made to the Grand Treasurer as far as practicable, he shall be and he is hereby authorized to grant permission to said Lodge to surrender its warrant, retain its jewels and property, and apply for a new warrant to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois.

"Extract from the minutes.

"SAMUEL H. THOMAS,
"Grand Secretary."

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[SEAL.]
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"In pursuance of the power vested in us by virtue of a resolution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, adopted on the 21st day of November, A. D. 1825, A. L. 5825, we do hereby authorize and empower the W. M. and brethren of Lodge No. 107, to surrender the warrant thereof to us and to apply to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois to hold a Lodge under a warrant from that Grand Lodge.

"Given under our hand and seal this 30th day
of November, A. D. 1826, A. L. 5826.

"TH. KITTERA,
"Grand Master."

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[SEAL.]
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"Attest. SAMUEL H. THOMAS,
"Grand Secretary."

This was accompanied by the following letter :

"PHILAD., 16th Dec., 1826.

"KASKASKIAS—C. C. Conway, Esq.:

"W. SIR AND BRO.:—Your favour of 4th November came duly to hand, and I regret that the absence of the R. W. Grand Master from the city prevented an earlier acknowledgement.

"I am directed to state that everything which has been done by your Lodge since the restoration of its warrant is satisfactory to the officers of the Grand Lodge, and they wish you every success in the connection which your Lodge may form with the Grand Lodge of Illinois. I shall write to you again in a few days, and in the mean time subscribe myself your obedient servant and brother,

"SAM. H. THOMAS, *Grand Sec'y.*

CHAPTER IX.

1826—36.

“At a special communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, held at the State House, in the town of Vandalia, on Monday, the third day of January, A. L. 5826—

“Present: M. W. James Hall, G. M.; M. W. Shadrach Bond, P. G. M.; R. W. Henry H. Snow, D. G. M.; R. W. Henry L. Webb, G. S. W., *pro tem.*; R. W. Henry J. Mills, G. J. W., *pro tem.*; R. W. J. O. Wattles, G. Treas.; R. W. Wm. H. Brown, G. Secretary; Bro. John Whitaker, G. Marshal; Bro. Joseph Enos, G. Tyler. Bro. J. Ewing, of Vandalia Lodge; Breth. A. Hart, P. M., and David E. Cuyler, of Olive Branch Lodge; Bro. McRoberts, of Vandalia Lodge; Breth. A. Field and Henry L. Webb, of Union Lodge; Breth. S. Dewey and Ossian M. Ross, of Frontier Lodge; Bro. George Webb, of Winchester Lodge, Ky.; Levi Roberts, of Olive Branch Lodge; Valentine G. Bradley, of Vincennes Lodge; Israel Seward, of Hamilton Lodge, Ohio; William Ross, of Mystic Tie Lodge, Massachusetts; Bro. Willis Hargrave, of Lawrence Lodge, and Bro. Nicholas Hansen.

“On motion of Bro. D. G. Master,

“*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to examine the credentials of representatives attending this Grand Lodge from subordinate Lodges.

“*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to examine the returns of subordinate Lodges.

“Breth. Hay, Hart, and Whitaker were appointed a committee on the first, and Breth. Snow, Peebles, and Wattles a committee on the second resolution.

“The Grand Secretary made the following report:

“The Grand Secretary reports that during the vacation of the Grand Lodge he has received the following communications, viz.:

“The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, of the District of Columbia, of Indiana, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Mississippi.

“A communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, with a list of officers for the year 5825.

ings in relation to resolutions from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire and New York, proposing the erection of a monument at Mt. Vernon, to the memory of our illustrious Bro. G. Washington. A communication from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, containing a report of their proceedings in the cases of Bros. Wm. L. D. Ewing and E. C. Berry. A letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York.

“In the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky your committee find the following resolutions:

“*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recognize the M. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, and that Bro. Grand Secretary correspond with the said M. W. Grand Lodge, and transmit regularly an abstract of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

“*Resolved*, That any arrearages which may be due from any Lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge, located in the State of Illinois, be, and the same are hereby remitted to said Lodge.

“Your committee, while they state with regret and surprise, that this is the only acknowledgment of the receipt by any Grand Lodge of the communications addressed to them, and the only formal notice of recognition, can not avoid expressing their sense of the candid and frank reception which our newly established Grand Lodge has met from our brethren in Kentucky, and their hope that this Grand Lodge will promptly acknowledge and reciprocate the brotherly feeling which has been thus evinced.

“They also find a very fraternal letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, expressing the surprise of the members of that Grand Lodge, at their not having received any communication from us of the causes and events which led to the establishment of this Masonic institution, and requesting such information. This letter, in the opinion of your committee, is entitled to immediate attention, and should be referred for reply to the suitable officers of the Grand Lodge, either to the Grand Master or Grand Secretary.

“From the reports of several of the Grand Lodges before us, it appears that active exertions are in operation among the Craft, to obtain subscriptions for the erection of a Masonic monument to the memory of Washington, and that several of the Grand Lodges of the U. S. have adopted measures to effect this object. Your committee in noticing this subject can not withhold the expression of their entire approbation of any measure which may evince our respect for the virtues, and affection for the name, of the illustrious chief, whom we have been proud to number among our brothers, and submit the further consideration thereof to the Grand Lodge.

“In reply to a memorial of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, soliciting a reconsideration of the cases of Wm. L. D. Ewing and Elijah C. Berry, we have received an abstract of their proceedings, by which it appears that Bro. Ewing has been restored to his Masonic privileges; but that in the opinion of that Grand Lodge, the case of E. C. Berry does not merit a reconsideration. Your committee are aware of the delicacy of a further interference on our part in relation to this subject; but they can not pass it over without remarking that they are far from feeling satisfied, either with the decision of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, or with the reasons upon which that decision seems to be grounded. It will be for the Grand Lodge to decide whether any, and if any, what further steps should be taken in this affair.

“The rest of the communications before us, contain only the ordinary reports and interchanges of Masonic information, none of which seem to demand any particular notice from this committee.”

"A communication from E. C. Berry was presented and read, and

"On motion of Bro. Wattles, it was

"*Ordered*, That the said communication, with the accompanying documents, be referred to a committee of three.

"*Ordered*, That the committee consist of Bros. Wattles, West, and T. C. Brown.

"On motion of Bro. D. G. Master,

"*Resolved*, That all members of this Grand Lodge shall be only entitled to one vote as such, and one as representative from subordinate Lodges, when serving as such.*

"The Grand Lodge then proceeded to ballot for officers of the Grand Lodge, for the ensuing year; when the following persons were declared duly elected: James Hall, M. W. G. M.; John Y. Sawyer, R. W. G. S. W.; Benjamin Mills, R. W. G. J. W.; Wm. H. Brown, R. W. G. S.; James O. Wattles, R. W. G. T.

"On motion of Bro. J. O. Wattles,

"*Resolved*, That the installation of the officers elect, take place on to-morrow evening.

"*Ordered*, That this Grand Lodge stand adjourned until to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock.

"BENJAMIN MILLS, *G. S. pro tem.*

"R. W. GRAND LODGE, January 5, A. L. 5826.

"The Grand Lodge opened pursuant to adjournment.

"Present: The same officers and members aslast evening, with the addition of Bro. Richard J. Hamilton, Bro. Webb, and Wm. H. Brown, Grand Secretary.

"The Grand Lodge was then dispensed with, and a Lodge of Past Masters then opened, when the following Grand officers were duly installed, viz:

"Bro. James Hall, M. W. G. M.; Bro. John Y. Sawyer, R. W. G. S. W.; Bro. Benjamin Mills, R. W. G. J. W.; James O. Wattles, R. W. G. Treasurer; William H. Brown, R. W. G. Secretary, by the M. W. Shadrach Bond, P. G. M., aided by the R. W. D. G. M., Henry H. Snow; when the Lodge of Past Master Masons was dispensed with, and a Lodge of Master Masons was opened, the grand officers in their respective places.

"On motion of Bro. Wattles,

"*Resolved*, That a Grand Orator be appointed to deliver an address to this Grand Lodge and the public, at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

"On motion of Bro. G. J. Warden,

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* Which resolution was a plain violation of the Constitution, which provided that each Lodge should be entitled to three votes.

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"BENJAMIN MILLS, *G. S. pro tem.*

"R. W. GRAND LODGE, January 5, A. L. 5826.

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"The Grand Lodge was then dispensed with, and a Lodge of Past Masters then opened, when the following Grand officers were duly installed, viz:

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"*Ordered*, That Breth. B. Mills, Wattles, and Hamilton be that committee.

"The R. W. G. Lodge then adjourned till to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock.

* Which resolution was a plain violation of the Constitution, which provided that each Lodge should be entitled to three votes.

"R. W. G. LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
JANUARY 6, A. L. 5826. }

"Present: M. W. James Hall, G. M.; R. W. Henry H. Snow, D. G. M.; R. W. John Y. Sawyer, G. S. W.; R. W. Benjamin Mills, G. J. W.; R. W. James O. Wattles, G. T.; R. W. Wm. H. Brown, G. S.; Bro. R. H. Peebles, G. S. D.; Bro. O. M. Ross, G. J. D., *pro tem.*; Bro. Joseph Enos, G. Tyler. Visiting brethren, Jotham Jayne,* A. Philleo.

"The R. W. G. J. Warden, from the committee appointed last evening, to ascertain what articles are necessary for the use of this Grand Lodge, made a report which was concurred in. The G. J. W. also presented an engraved seal, and the following note:

"Horatio Ball begs leave to present to the members of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois an engraved seal, which he forwards by J. O. Wattles, Esq.

(Signed)

"HORATIO BALL.

"VANDALIA, January 6th, 1826."

"On motion of Bro. Mills,

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to Bro. Horatio Ball for the seal presented this Grand Lodge, and the same be adopted as the seal thereof.

"On motion of Bro. Wattles,

"Resolved, That any fees due by Bro. Ball, to this Grand Lodge, if any there be, be and the same are remitted.

"Bro. Wattles, from the committee to whom was referred the reports of subordinate Lodges, made the following report:

"That the following Lodges, to-wit: Olive Branch, Union, Vandalia, Palestine, Greene, Hiram, Illion, and Frontier, have made their annual reports, to the Grand Lodge, which appear satisfactory to the committee, so far as a disposition to conform to our regulations and the rules of Masonry, is manifested. But your committee feel constrained to say that in several of the communications there is much inaccuracy, and a failure to comply with all the regulations of the by-laws, and on the part of the several Lodges, a total neglect to comply with their provisions, either by making their reports or sending their dues. But your committee, believing this neglect to be owing to a want of information on the part of delinquent Lodges, than to willful neglect, beg leave to offer the following resolution:

"Resolved, That Bro. Henry H. Snow be appointed an agent on the part of this Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be to visit all the subordinate Lodges to introduce a uniform mode of working; to examine the by-laws and proceedings of such Lodges; to settle the accounts of each with the Grand Lodge, and to receive the balances due, and make report at the next grand annual communication.

"Which report and resolution was concurred in.

"On motion of Bro. Snow,

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge disapprove of a resolution adopted in Olive Branch Lodge No. 4. on the day of their last election, allowing visiting brethren to vote in said election.

*Gershom Jayne, of Sangamo Lodge.

"The following appointments were made by the Grand Master :

"Bro. Henry H. Snow, D. G. M.; Bro. Robert H. Peebles, G. S. D.; Bro. Erastus Brown, G. J. D.; Bro. E. J. West, G. Marshal; Bro. Guy W. Smith, G. S. B.; Bro. Charles Dunn, G. Pursuivant; Bro. Hart Fellows and Bro. John Whitaker, Grand Stewards; Bro. Joseph Enos, G. Tyler; Bro. Benjamin Mills, G. Orator.

"The Lodge in the third degree of Masonry was dispensed with, and a Lodge of Past Master Masons opened, when Breth. Snow, Whiteaker, and Enos were duly installed in their respective offices. The Lodge of Past Master Masons was then dispensed with, and the Lodge in the third degree—Masonry resumed; when the Grand Lodge adjourned till tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock.

"WM. H. BROWN, *G. Secretary*.

"JANUARY 7, A. L. 5826.

"The R. W. Grand Lodge opened pursuant to adjournment.

"Present: M. W. James Hall, G. M.; R. W. Henry H. Snow, D. G. M.; R. W. R. J. Hamilton, G. S. W. *pro tem.*; R. W. Benjamin Mills, G. J. W.; R. W. James O. Wattles, G. T.; R. W. William Brown, G. S.; Bro. J. Whiteaker, G. J. D. *pro tem.*; Bro. E. J. West, G. M. Visiting brethren and members L. M. Roberts, C. Slade, Diamond, and James.

"Bro. Snow, from the committee to whom was referred the communications from individuals, made the following report, which was concurred in :

"*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois :*

"The committee, to whom was referred the communications from individuals addressed to this Grand Lodge, have had under consideration a communication from the Worshipful Master of Western Star Lodge No. 107, together with a petition from a number of Master Masons residing in and near the town of Kaskaskia, praying for letters of dispensation, and beg leave to make the following report :

"The object of the communication is, to ask from this Grand Lodge a charter of constitution. It appears from documents in possession of your committee, that T. J. V. Owen is an officer of Western Star Lodge No. 107, and that he is also recommended as one of the officers of the proposed Lodge. Conceiving it incompatible with the general regulations of our institution, and contrary to the principles inculcated in the Book of Constitutions, that a Mason should be a member of more than one Lodge at the same time, your committee beg leave to offer the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners from Kaskaskia, praying for a dispensation or charter, ought not to be granted.'

"Bro. West, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of E. C. Berry, made the following report, accompanied with a resolution :

"The committee to whom was referred the petition of E. C. Berry, with the accompanying documents, report that, after a careful examination of the subject, they have arrived at the conclusion which they are about to submit: Your committee are fully aware of the delicacy with which the decision of a neighboring Grand Lodge deserves to be treated, and of the impropriety of adhering with too much pertinacity to our opinions. But from all the documents before them, they can not but believe that the petition had been treated unkindly in being denied a re-consideration of proceedings which seem to them to have been irregular; and when it is recollected that the effect of this denial is to brand the character of the petitioner with disgrace, and to exclude him forever from his Masonic privileges, they feel it a duty incumbent on them to advise another effort on the part of this Grand Lodge in his behalf. In making this recommendation, your committee have taken into consideration the high standing of the petitioner as a citizen, his unblemished reputation as a man, the entire absence of any offense in his Masonic or private deportment, other than that now under discussion. A character so fair (in all other respects) entitles the petitioner to an indulgent hearing on this occasion, and the sacredness of his situation as the head of a numerous family, gives him an imposing claim as well upon the justice as the sympathy of his brethren. Your committee, therefore, while they freely disclaim any right on the part of this Grand Lodge to condemn the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, or any intention on their part so to do; and while they cheerfully concede the principle that the jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge over the subject matter is sole and sovereign, believe that the case of E. C. Berry imperiously calls for some further exertion in his behalf by this Grand Lodge. They, therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of two be appointed, whose duty it shall be to correspond with the Grand Lodge of Missouri upon the subject of the proceedings of the Vandalia Lodge and that Grand Lodge in the case of E. C. Berry, to explain to them the views of this Grand Lodge, and to ask for such relief as they may deem right, and that Grand Lodge may be willing to concede."

"Which report and resolution were adopted.

"*Ordered*, That Breth. Sawyer and West be that committee.

"On motion of Bro. Brown,

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the application of Bro. John Diamond for relief, and report on Monday evening.

"*Ordered*, That Breth. Snow and Whiteaker be that committee,

"Bro. Snow, from the committee to whom was referred the reports of subordinate Lodges, and the application of brethren residing in and near the county of Pike for a charter, made a report that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, which report was concurred in.

"On motion of Bro. West,

"*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge be and he is hereby required to deliver over to the committee appointed by this Grand Lodge, to correspond with the Grand Lodge of Missouri in case of E. C. Berry, all the papers, records, and documents relative thereto; and that the committee return the same to this Grand Lodge, together with the correspondence and report, at its next grand annual communication.

"The Grand Lodge then adjourned until Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock.

"WM. H. BROWN, *G. Secretary*.

"TUESDAY EVENING, January 10, A. L. 5826.

"The R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois convened pursuant to adjournment.

"Present: M. W. James Hall, G. M.; R. W. J. Y. Sawyer, G. S. W.; R. W. Benjamin Mills, G. J. W.; R. W. William H. Brown, G. Secretary; Bro. R. H. Peebles, G. S. D.; Bro. O. M. Ross, G. J. D., *pro tem.*; Bro. Joseph Enos, G. Tyler. Visiting brethren and members, Breth. Webb, Phillips, Whiteaker, West, D. Prickett, Wright, Ball, Newhall, Wilton, D. Blackwell, and T. C. Browne.

"The committee to whom were referred the application of Bro. John Diamond for relief, reported that the applicant was worthy of relief, but from the situation of the funds of this Grand Lodge, they reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That a private subscription be opened for the relief of our said Bro. John Diamond, and that the members of this Grand Lodge, and other Masons, be requested to aid to the relief of Bro. Diamond.

"Bro. Snow, from the Committee on Subordinate Lodges, made the following report, which was accompanied with a resolution:

"The committee to whom was referred the returns of subordinate Lodges, beg leave to report that the dispensation granted Illion Lodge No. 12 and Frontier Lodge No. 13, in the recess, have been returned, together with their by-laws and copies of their proceedings under that dispensation; that they received their dispensations and acted under them for the first time on the 3d day of December, 1825, and that their by-laws and proceedings appear to have been correct and strictly conformable to Masonic usage, with one exception. It is the opinion of your committee that the brethren of that Lodge have advanced candidates from one degree to another, and even for initiation with too much rapidity, thereby leaving too little time either to become acquainted with the lectures in the preceding degree, or for a strict inquiry into the character of the applicants. They therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge disapproves of the practice of advancing candidates to any degree until they shall have acquired a competent knowledge of the preceding degree.

"*Resolved*, That a charter be granted to Frontier Lodge No. 13 and Illion Lodge No. 12.

"Which resolution was adopted, and the report agreed to.

"The petition of Bro. George Webb, praying an investigation into certain charges preferred by Bro. Webb against Bro. James O. Wattles for unmasonic conduct, was read, and on motion of Bro. G. S. Warden,

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be required to furnish Bro. Wattles a copy of the charges preferred against him by Bro. George Webb, and that a summons issue against Bro. Wattles, requiring him to appear before the next regular annual communication of this Grand Lodge, to answer the charges aforesaid, preferred by Bro. Webb.

"On motion of Bro. Brown,

"*Resolved*, That a charter be granted to Illion Lodge No. 12 and Frontier Lodge No. 13, upon payment of the sum due by the by-laws for the issuing of a charter, with the fees due the officers for the dispensations and charters of these Lodges respectively.

"On motion of Bro. Mills, and amended by Bro. West,

"*Resolved*, That so much of the 8th section of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge as requires the payment of one dollar from visiting brethren be, and the same is hereby repealed, and that from and after the adoption of this resolution seventy-five cents only shall be exacted only, in lieu of that sum in that part of the By-Laws of this R. W. Grand Lodge, hereby repealed, mentioned.

"On motion of Bro. Snow,

"*Resolved*, That Bro. Grand Secretary cause to be printed the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, and a copy of the proceedings of the present grand annual communication, and to transmit a copy of the same to each of the Grand Lodges in the United States, and of the British Provinces of North America, to each of our subordinate Lodges, and to each of our grand officers.

"On motion,

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to pay the account of Bro. Grand Tyler for his services and necessities furnished this Grand Lodge at its present grand annual communication.

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to the Honorable Senate for the accommodation furnished the Grand Lodge, in the use of their chamber, during the present grand annual communication.

"No further business appearing before the Grand Lodge, it was closed in peace and harmony.

"WILLIAM H. BROWN, *Grand Secretary*."

The Lodges which at this time were working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, were Western Star No. 1, Laurence No. 2, Libanus No. 3, Olive Branch No. 4, Vandalia No. 5, Union No. 6, Eden No. 7, Hiram No. 8, Albion No. 9, Palestine No. 10, Greene No. 11, Illion No. 12, Frontier No. 13, LaFayette No. 14, Sangamon No. 15.

The Lodges were located as follows: No. 1, at Kaskaskia; No. 2, at Shawneetown; No. 3, at Edwardsville; No. 4, at Upper Alton; No. 5, at Vandalia; No. 6, at Jonesboro; No. 7, at Covington; No. 9, at Albion; No. 11, at Carrollton; No. 13, at Lewistown (Fulton co.), and No. 15, at Springfield. As to the location of Nos. 8, 10, 12, and 14, we have no knowledge, and only know that such Lodges did exist. We can obtain no information regarding them whatever.

For some cause to us at this time unknown, the charter of Sangamon Lodge was arrested by the Grand Lodge of Missouri. We have in our possession two communications from brethren then residing at Springfield, which we present. The probable cause for the arresting of this charter was the failure of the Lodge to ask dismissal from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and failure to pay its dues thereto. Bro. CONSTANT, who signed the first letter, was at the time Master of the Lodge:

"SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, June 26th 1826.

"DR. SIR:—I am informed that the charter is taken from the Springfield Lodge, and that the members will be expelled, in consequence of their not paying up their dues. I just learnt from some of the members that at a meeting of part of the

Lodge last Spring, they agreed to pay their proportion of the amount due the Grand Lodge, on condition the Grand Lodge would not expell them. This, to me, is extraordinary proceedings. Mr. Broadwell and myself paid between six and seven dollars each to members of the Lodge who had paid out money for our charter. I have paid my dues regular, and when I was Master of the Lodge, I still continued to pay my dues, although I was not bound so to do. Mr. Broadwell has been very punctual in paying his dues, when he could attend our meetings. The reason I mention Mr. Broadwell is, he was away from home, and have just returned, and perhaps he has not yet heard of the proceeding of a part of the members of this Lodge. You will find by examining the Lodge books that the Lodge stands charged with the amount due Mr. Broadwell and myself, and I suspect there is money in the hands of (* * * *) belonging to the Lodge, unless you drew it out when last here: Is it just under those circumstances that we should be expelled and those members excused, when the Lodge was indebted to us more than our proportion of the dues due the Grand Lodge, and all this done without my having any knowledge of it until after the Grand Lodge had their Spring session. None of the members will dare deny but that I have as great exertion as any other member, if not the greatest, to keep up the credit of the Lodge, and i can't think I have been treated as I ort to of been. I would of paid my portion of the dues at any time, and urged it often while I was Master of the Lodge, but all did not appear to be disposed to pay anything out of their pockets towards paying that debt. You will confer a favour to inform me what is done, and how I shall proceed to get clear of the difficulty I have got into by the misconduct of others. Please write as soon as possible, as I have to go a trip to Ohio in September.

"Respectfully yours,

"THOS. CONSTANT.

"Mr. G. H. C. MELODY, W. G. M."

BRO. LATHAM, who signs the second letter, was one of the petitioners for the dispensation.

"SPRINGFIELD, 28th June, 1826.

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have been informed that the charter is taken from Sangamon Lodge, and my name is among a list of the members. I merely became a member for the establishment of the Lodge, after which I considered myself as not being a member, and requested of the Lodge not to consider me as such—on account of my deafness I could receive no satisfaction in sitting in the Lodge. I therefore wish that I may be excused from expulsion, in case your Lodge should expel any of the members.

"Respectfully yours,

"JAMES LATHAM.

"Secretary of the Grand Lodge, St. Louis, Mo.

"N. B.—Please, if my excuse is considered insufficient, let me know before you proceed in the business. I did not sign my name to the bye-laws, but it was done without my consent.

"JAMES LATHAM."

Of all the Lodges heretofore enumerated, we have no further knowledge, with the exceptions of Western Star and Olive Branch.

That Olive Branch Lodge was in existence late in 1826, papers in the hands of the historian go to prove. These papers are not of sufficient

importance to reproduce here, but they are of importance, insomuch as they establish the existence of the Lodge. They consist of the original petition for initiation of Matthew Johnson, dated January 31, 1826; the report of a committee appointed to procure a suitable conveyance for Bro. Hanson, to Pike county; Tyler's bill, dated Oct. 9th, and the petition of Bro. H. S. Summers, for a demit dated Oct. 14th, 1826.

The Grand Lodge met in 1827, on the 3d day of January. The only copy of the proceedings which were known to be extant, were destroyed by the fire which consumed the archives of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. We extract from the "History of Masonry in Kentucky," published by Bro. A. G. Hodges, the following information regarding that meeting:

"The state of Masonry, it was said, presented the most flattering and encouraging prospects. The changes proposed by the Grand Lodge of Maine, in admitting mutilated persons, was viewed with solicitude; and it was decided that no one thus made should be recognized in Illinois. Reports of suspensions, expulsions, and rejections, should no longer be made public. Six Lodges were represented."

Western Star Lodge still continued to exist, and experienced considerable difficulty in severing its connection with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The permission granted by that Grand Lodge, to affiliate with the Grand Lodge of Illinois, was not acted upon until the 27th of January, 1827, when the following action was had:

"EXTRA MEETING OF THE WESTERN STAR LODGE No. 107, }
KASKASKIA, Saturday, Jan. 27th, A. D. 1827, A. L. 5827. }

"Present: C. C. Conway, W. M.; L. W. Cooper, S. W.; Th. J. V. Owen, J. W. and Tyler *p. t.*, and J. D. *p. t.*; Wm. C. Greenup, Secretary; P. Fouke, Tr. *p. t.*; Jacob Feamon, S. D.; Shadrach Bond, P. Master. John Atkins, visiting brother M. M. The Lodge was solemnly opened in the first step of Masonry, according to ancient form.

"No business appearing in the first [degree] of Masonry, it was closed, and a Fellow Crafts Lodge was opened, and no business appearing before the Lodge in the Fellow Crafts Lodge, it was closed and a Master Masons Lodge was opened.

"The Worshipful Master laid before the Lodge a copy of the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, adopted on the 21st November, A. D. 1825, authorizing the Right W. Grand Master to grant permission to this Lodge to surrender its warrant and procure another under the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois, when he shall be satisfied that all practicable collections and payments shall be made, accompanied by the assent of the R. W. Grand Master, bearing date the 30th November last, and a letter from the Grand Secretary of the 16th of December last, which were severally read.

"On motion of Bro. Wm. C. Greenup, and seconded by Bro. Bond, it was unanimously

"Resolved, That application be immediately made by the Worshipful Master of this Lodge, to the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, for a warrant or charter under that Grand Lodge, and that when attained, that the present warrant of this Lodge, under the Grand Lodge of

Pennsylvania, be surrendered to the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, with a request that he transmit the same to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and inform that Grand Lodge of the new installation of this Lodge.

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, that the name of this Lodge be called in the new warrant 'The Western Star Lodge.'

"*Resolved*, As the opinion of this Lodge that the warrant now asked from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, ought to be given gratis, except the Grand Secretaries fees for making out the warrant, which this Lodge will cause to be paid at the time of installation.

"*Resolved*, That this Lodge will state by ballot at the present meeting, suitable members to be named in the new warrant, and recommends them to be named as Master and Wardens.

"*Resolved*, That a copy of the proceedings of this meeting be made out and certified by the Secretary and transmitted by the Worshipful Master, together with copies of the last communication from the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

"A petition was received from Bro. Jacob Feamon, praying to demit from this Lodge, which being read, on motion and seconded, said brother has leave to demit from this Lodge, he having paid up all his dues.

"The Lodge then, pursuant to the 4th resolution, adopted at this meeting, proceeded to choose by ballot, suitable members to be recommended as fit persons to be named as Master and Wardens in the warrant to be applied for from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and the same being severally taken, Bro. Shadrach Bond was chosen Master, William C. Greenup, Senior Warden, and Thomas J. V. Owen, Junior Warden.

"The Lodge closed in due order and harmony, &c.

"WM. C. GREENUP,
"Secretary."

Accompanying this was the following letter, addressed to Bro. Snow, then Deputy Grand Master, and acting Grand Master:

"KASKASKIA, Feb. 5th, 1827.

"*Right Worshipful Sir and Brother:*

"You will perceive by the preceding copies of the minutes of the late special meeting of the Western Star Lodge No. 107, and the copies of the resolutions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the declaration of the R. W. Grand Master of that Grand Lodge, and the letter of the Grand Secretary, I am directed to transmit them to you and apply for a new warrant from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois.

"In November a memorial was transmitted by the Master and Wardens of this Lodge and laid before the R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, at the last Grand Communication, requesting a resolution to be passed authorizing the issue of a warrant to this Lodge *gratis*, Secretaries fees excepted, which resolution was passed as I am informed by a member (by letter) authorizing you to grant the same upon being satisfied that the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania consented thereto. That consent we now have, and the foregoing is a true copy.

"The resolutions of this Lodge contain, as far as occurs to me, the views and desires of the Lodge, except a request of the members expressed to me of having an early installation, and if consistent, in as public a manner as the case will permit. It would afford us particular pleasure if you could find it convenient to be personally present, and that we could have certain previous information of the time, so that some preparations may be made to afford time to invite as many of the craft to be present as circumstances may permit.

"I shall esteem it a particular favor to receive from you as early as you can find it convenient, an answer containing your determinations.

"I am with due respect, your obedient servant and brother.

"R. W. Bro. H. H. SNOW."

"WM. C. GREENUP.

The Grand Lodge was in existence in the year 1828, as is evident from a paper which we here present:

"KASKASKIA, April 10, 1829.

"Sir:—The Grand Lodge of Illinois having granted a warrant to the members of W. S. Lodge No. 107, formerly held under the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and the new Lodge having been installed on the 24th June last, I herewith enclose you the warrant of Lodge No. 107.

"CLEMENT C. CONWAY,

"Late W. M. W. S. Lodge 107.

"To the R. W. Grand Sec. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

From this time, until 1835, all is a blank as regards Freemasonry in Illinois. Fiery persecutions came, brother was arrayed against brother, foul-mouthed slander stalked abroad; enmity was engendered in the hearts of the people, and if those who held firmly to the teachings of the Fraternity held any meetings whatever, it was done so secretly, and in such manner, that the outside world knew nothing of it.

The Grand Lodge went down, and with it, its constitution. The last to doff its armor, was Western Star, the Alpha of Freemasonry in Illinois and Missouri, and for the time the Omega, as far as our own State is concerned.

Had the brethren, with that patience which characterized Masons during those stormy years, held on only three or four years longer, the Lodge which was organized in the year 1805 would to-day rank among the Lodges of not the weak Grand Lodge of 1826, but the strong, healthy, matured giant of 1868, the fourth Grand Lodge on the face of the earth. But alas!

"The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft aglee."

BODLEY LODGE.

This Lodge (now No. 1 on our register) was named after Thomas Bodley, who was one of the three representatives of Lexington Lodge No. 1, in the convention, September 8th, 1800, which organized the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and was clerk of the convention. He was appointed Secretary of the Grand Lodge Oct. 16, 1800, at which time he was Senior Warden of Lexington Lodge. February 9th he was appointed Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*, in the absence of James Russell, Gr. Sec'y, at which time he represented Lexington Lodge as Master. He was Grand Secretary at the October session of 1801, and also served as Junior

Grand Warden *pro tem.*, in the absence of C. L. Clarke. He was then appointed Grand Secretary, and appeared as such at the April and October sessions of 1802, in which year he was re-appointed, being succeeded in 1803 by Daniel Bradford. He was one of the clerks of the convention which met December 13th, 1793, which recommended to the United States government the seizure and control of the Mississippi river, alleging that as Spain was then engaged in a war which taxed all her energies, the seizure of the Spanish country might be easily made, and easily held.

On December 6th, 1834, Breth. Daniel Harrison, Daniel Whipple, Henry King, Samuel W. Rogers, J. N. Ralston, Joshua Streeter, John Wood, Hiram Rogers, H. L. Montandon, A. Miller, Henry Asbury, J. T. Holmes, Nathaniel Pease, Michael Most, Salmon Cogswell, Richard M. Young, and Samuel Alexander, met at Quincy, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of establishing a Lodge. As to the transactions at that meeting, we will use the words of the record :

“ On motion it was unanimously

“ *Resolved*, that a petition be sent to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, praying the grant of a Dispensation, or a Charter for a Lodge, and that Brother Daniel Harrison be recommended as Master; Bros. Daniel Whipple and H. King, Wardens.

“ Whereupon a petition was drawn up, and signed by the following Breth., viz: [The names are those already given.]

“ And it was

“ *Resolved*, that each Brother pay to Daniel Harrison the sum of two dollars, to be appropriated towards paying the expenses of said Dispensation or Charter.”

“ After which the convention adjourned *sine die*.”

Nothing further was done until the 19th of October, 1835, nearly one year after the meeting of the above convention. On that day the following record was made :

“ Notice having been given that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky had at their annual communication, held in Louisville, on the 31st day of August, A. L. 5835, granted a Dispensation for a Lodge to be held in Quincy, Ill., to be styled Bodley Lodge U. D., to continue one year, and that the R. W. Richard Apperson G. M. G. L. K. had deputed Bro. H. H. Snow to install the several officers named in the said warrant of Dispensation, to set the Craft to work, &c; and that October 19, A. L. 1835, had been appointed for that purpose, the brethren met agreeably to appointment.

“ Present: Daniel Harrison, Henry King, J. M. Whitney, J. Harris, J. T. Holmes, H. Rogers, Michael Most, J. N. Ralston and Henry Asbury. The several officers were then duly installed by Bro. H. H. Snow, as follows: Daniel Harrison, W. M.; J. M. Whitney, S. W., *pro tem.*; Henry King, J. W.; J. T. Holmes, Treas.; H. Rogers, Sec.; J. N. Ralston, S. D.; Michael Most, J. D.; Henry Asbury, Tyler.

"The Lodge being opened in the Entered Apprentice's degree, on motion it was

"*Resolved*, That the Worshipful Master appoint a committee of four, to draft a code of by-laws, and report the same at our next meeting.

"Bros. Holmes, Ralston, King, and Rogers were appointed said committee.

"No further business appearing, the Lodge was closed, to meet again Nov. 3, at 6 o'clock P. M."

The "J. M. Whitney" alluded to in this record, was J. W. Whitney, formerly of Olive Branch Lodge, and then living in Pike county. Of the others, we have been unable to obtain any information as to where they were made. Bros. Asbury and John Wood are, we believe, the only brethren living who assisted in the formation of Bodley Lodge.

"Meetings were held November 3d, at which Bro. Whitney was introduced as a member of LaFayette Lodge No. —, and appointed S. W. *pro tem*. The committee on by-laws reported, and their report was adopted, but no record of the by-laws appears; on December 5th, at which no business was transacted, and on December 26, at which meeting the following officers were elected: S. Alexander, Treas.; S. W. Rogers, Sec.; H. Rogers, S. D.; J. N. Ralston, J. D., and A. Miller and S. Coggeswell, Stewards. During the year 1836, meetings were held as follows:

January 2d.—At which no business was transacted.

February 7th.—At which the petitions of Lytle Griffin for initiation, and James Murphy and J. W. Whitney, for affiliation, were received.

March 5th.—Bro. Whitney was affiliated, Lytle Griffin elected, and petition of James Murphy laid over.

April 2nd.—Bro. Murphy's petition again laid over, and initiation of Lytle Griffin postponed, for want of a suitable room.

April 12th.—Lytle Griffin was initiated, Bro. Henry King presiding.

May 7th.—Petition of James Murphy again laid over, and Griffin elected for, and passed to the second degree.

June 5th.—Bro. S. Coggeswell was elected Tyler.

June 14th.—Griffin raised.

June 24th.—The Lodge proceeded to the Congregational church, where a sermon was delivered by the Rev. P. Boring, after which they returned to the lodge-room, where the petitions of A. W. Harris, Charles Brown, and J. C. Downer, for affiliation, and James McClain, for initiation, were received.

July 2nd.—Petition of Harrison Dills received, and the Lodge unaminously resolved to petition the Grand Lodge for a charter. James McClain initiated, and petition of Louis Bigwood received.

July 25th.—The Lodge buried with Masonic honors the remains of Brother Nathaniel Pease.

August 6th.—Harrison Dills and Louis Bigwood initiated. Petition of Anthony Tuslin, a Fellow Craft, received, he elected and raised. James McClain passed. Committee on petitions for affiliation, received at meeting of June 24th, were granted further time. Petitions of Henry L. Simmons and Thomas Carter received.

On the 22d October, the charter was received, and accepted. This charter was granted to them as Bodley Lodge No. 97. Louis Bigwood was examined in open Lodge, elected and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.

November 5th.—Petitions of E. Conyers and Martin Ladnor for initiation, Joseph Orr for second degree, and E. Turner for affiliation were received. Thomas Carter and H. L. Simmons, initiated. Harrison Dills passed, James McClain raised, James Murphy affiliated, and one hundred copies by-laws ordered to be printed.

December 3d.—Martin Ladnor and Enoch Conyers initiated. H. King demitted. Breth. Brown and Turner affiliated. Petitions of T. Monroe and J. Grant, for affiliation, and John G. Driskill, for initiation, received, and Louis Bigwood raised.

December 6th.—Brother Samuel Alexander was buried with Masonic honors, and resolutions of sorrow and regret passed.

December 27th.—Breth. Monroe and Grant affiliated, and officers as follows elected: J. N. Ralston, W. M.; H. Rogers, S. W.; D. Harrison, J. W.; A. Miller, Treas.; H. Ashbury, Sec.; James Murphy, S. D.; J. Grant, J. D.; and S. Cogswell, Steward and Tyler.

FRANKLIN LODGE.

"On the 25th day of August, 1836, Breth. Harvey S. Summers, John A. Maxsey, Alexander Hart, Henry P. Rundel, Benjamin Walker, Wm. Wilkinson, Jacob Smith, and J. C. Bruner, petitioned the Grand Lodge of Missouri for a new Lodge at Alton, to be named Franklin. This petition was recommended by St. Louis Lodge No. 20, and a dispensation, in the usual form, signed by John D. Daggett, Dep. Grand Master, and Richard B. Dallam, Grand Secretary, was issued on the 9th of December, 1836.

"Alexander Hart was named as Master; Benjamin Walker, Senior; and Jacob C. Bruner, Junior Wardens.

"Of these brethren, Hart, Summers, Rundel, and Walker, we recognize as former members of Olive Branch Lodge. Bro. Bruner was a member of Libanus Lodge.

Of the proceedings of this Lodge during the year 1836, we have no record.

CHAPTER X.

1837.

BODLEY LODGE No. 97.

January 7.—Petitions of Colman Talbot, J. W. Chenoweth, and William Jacobs received. Enoch Conyers and Thomas Carter passed, and Breth. Miller, Ralston and Asbury, were appointed a committee to confer with the trustees of the Methodist church, and see upon what terms the Lodge would be allowed to fit up a room in the "garret" of said church, for Masonic purposes, and also to make same inquiry of the County Commissioners as to the Court House, then building.

February 4th.—2 o'clock P. M. Petition of Colman Talbot withdrawn. J. W. Chenoweth initiated. Petition of A. G. Driskill [John G.] withdrawn. Petition of John Woolf for initiation, received. H. L. Simmons passed, and Harrison Dills raised.

February 18th.—Thomas Carter and Enoch Conyers raised.

April 15th.—A. W. Harris affiliated.

April 21st.—Petition of Stephen Tuslin received. J. W. Chenoweth passed, and H. L. Simmons raised.

May 1st.—Stephen Tuslin affiliated. Petition of John H. Holton for affiliation received. J. W. Chenoweth raised.

The following was passed :

"*Resolved*, That the members of this Lodge celebrate the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, and that Bros. James Murphy, James McClain, S. W. Rogers, J. N. Ralston, and Thoms Carter be the committee of arrangements, with full power to provide a dinner, an orator and a preacher to officiate on said occasion ; to invite our brothers of Palmyra and elsewhere to attend ; and most respectfully to invite the ladies, to partake of the festivities of the occasion ; in short, all acts for the comfort, convenience, and good order of the occasion."

The following was also passed :

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to ascertain how many Lodges in this state are organized, preparatory to organizing a Grand Lodge of Illinois, to be held in the town of Quincy."

Breth. Asbury, Young, and Rogers were appointed.

June 3rd.—J. H. Holton affiliated. The resolution regarding celebration of St. John's day, was "rescinded," and an invitation from Palmyra accepted.

July 1st.—John Woolf passed, and officers elected as follows: Henry Asbury, W. M.; E. Turner, S. W.; H. Dills, J. W.; A. Miller, Treas.; J. N. Ralston, Sec.; L. Griffin, S. D.; Jas. McClain, J. D.; H. L. Simmons, Tyler.

August 5th.—John Woolf raised, and Harrison Dills appointed a committee to procure a lock for the outer door.

September 2nd.—Petitions of James H. Luce and William S. Walton, presented by Bro. Dills, and received. Breth. Rogers and Dills were appointed a committee to inform a certain brother that the "Lodge had witnessed with pain his habits of intemperance, and that the said committee admonish him of his errors in a brotherly manner."

October 7th.—James H. Luce initiated, and A. W. Harris demitted.

December 2d.—James H. Luce passed.

December 27th.—Petitions of Joseph Kelly, John G. Driskill, James S. Logan, and P. W. Martin received. Breth. Ralston, Rogers, Chenoweth, Tuslin, and Miller were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing six months. James H. Luce raised. The committee on nominations reported "that after duly considering upon the subject they believe it will better comport with our by-laws, to have some brother in open Lodge, to nominate any one he may think proper." The election resulted in the choice of the following: J. N. Ralston, W. M.; J. H. Holton, S. W.; L. Griffin, J. W.; A. Miller, Treas.; Henry Asbury, Sec.; H. Rogers, S. D.; H. Dills, J. D.; L. Bigwood, Steward and Tyler.

FRANKLIN LODGE.

The only record we have relating to Franklin Lodge, is the following:

"FRANKLIN LODGE, ALTON, ILLINOIS, }
April 18th, A. D. 1837, A. L. 5837. }

"In open Lodge, working in the third degree of Masonry.

"Brother Worshipful Alexander Hart tendered his resignation as Master of this Lodge, which was accepted, subject to the consent of the M. W. G. Lodge.

"Brother Benjamin Walker, Senior Warden, tendered his resignation, which was accepted, subject to the consent of the M. W. Grand Lodge.

"On motion,

"*Resolved*, That the Lodge now proceed to the election of Worshipful Master and Senior Warden, to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignation of Bros. Hart and Walker.

"Whereupon a ballot was taken, and Brother Charles Howard was duly elected Worshipful Master, and Brother Henry P. Rundle was duly elected Senior Warden.

"On motion,

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary be requested to transmit to the officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge at St. Louis, respectfully soliciting their advice and consent to the appointment of Brother Charles Howard, Worshipful Master; Brother Henry P. Rundel, Senior Warden, and that Brother Jacob C. Bruner be continued Junior Warden of their Lodge."

"I, Samuel C. Pierce, Secretary of Franklin Lodge, at Alton Illinois, working under a dispensation from the M. W. Grand Lodge, of the State of Missouri, do certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the proceedings of said Lodge.

"Given under my hand and private seal, as Secretary, this 19th day of April, A. D. 1837, A. L. 5837.

"S. C. PIERCE, Secretary."

Upon receipt of this, a *new dispensation*, signed by S. W. B. Carnegy, Grand Master, and Richard B. Dallam, Grand Secretary, was issued, bearing date May 10th, 1837, and in which Charles Howard was named as W. M., Henry P. Rundel, S. W., and Jacob C. Bruner, J. W. Of this Lodge, we have no records for 1837.

JACKSONVILLE HARMONY LODGE.

On the third day of October 1837, a petition for a Lodge at Jacksonville, Illinois, signed by thirteen brethren, was presented to St. Louis Lodge No. 20, for recommendation, which was granted.

This petition was signed as follows:

"John T. Jones, late of Miami No. 45, Ohio; W. B. Warren, late of Mt. Vernon No. 14, Kentucky; A. Dunlap, late of Murray No. 35, Kentucky; Wm. S. Vance, late of Murray No. 35, Kentucky; P. Coffman, late of Davis No. 22, Lex., Ky.; James L. James, late of Brearly Lodge No. 9, New Jersey; Samuel M. Prosser, late of Mt. Olivet, Va.; George Henry, late of Lexington No. 1, Kentucky; Mat. Stacy, Hopkinsville, Ky.; George Hackett, Illion No. 24, Ill.; Benj. Harvey, late of Lexington No. 1, Kentucky; Richard Henry, late of Lexington No. 1, Kentucky; Dennis Rockwell, Illion No. 24, Illinois."

Bro. John T. Jones was named as Master, W. B. Warren as S. W., and Alexander Dunlap as J. W. Although this dispensation was recommended on the 3rd day of October, 1837, it was not received until November 30, 1838.

EQUALITY LODGE.

The petition for the dispensation for Equality Lodge is not in existence, having been destroyed by the fire in which the records of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky were consumed. The first meeting of this Lodge was held April 7th, 1837.

We will present the record of the first meeting entire:

"Pursuant to a dispensation granted by Wm. Brown, Jr., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky, bearing date the — day of —, A. D. 1836, A. L. 5836, granting to certain members of the honorable Fraternity of Ancient York Masons, the privilege of opening

a Lodge in the town of Equality, in the county of Gallatin and State of Illinois, a number of the craft by previous [appointment] met at the Court House in said town, on the 7th day of April, A. D. 1837, A. L. 5837.

"Present: W. James C. Weller, of Clinton Lodge No. 82, M.; H. P. Williams, of same, S. W.; A. B. Dake, formerly of Shawneetown Lodge No. —, J. W.; Absalom Ashby, of Cumberland Lodge No. 8, Secretary; Willis Hargrave, Treasurer; Israel Towles, S. D.; C. C. Lockett, of Clinton Lodge No. 82, J. D.; Thomas Pruett, of same, S. and T. Edward Jones.

"The Lodge was opened in the 3d degree according to ancient form and usage.

"After which the Lodge moved in procession to the Court House, at which time the W. M. James C. Weller installed, according to ancient rites, A. B. Dake, Master; William Siddall, S. Warden; Edward Levell, J. Warden; Absalom Ashby, Secretary; Willis Hargrave, Treasurer; Israel D. Towles, S. Deacon; William Burnett, J. Deacon; S. D. Hawke, S. and Tyler.

"The Rev. James Alexander, by previous appointment and request, proceeded to pronounce the funeral service of our departed and much lamented worthy brother, Tyler D. Hewitt, formerly of — Lodge No. —, after which a procession was formed and proceeded to the grave, where the usual ceremonies observed on such occasions were performed by the W. M.

"The Lodge from thence proceeded to Mr. Lane's, to partake of a collation prepared for the occasion, and then proceeded to the Lodge room.

"Lodge was then closed in due form and harmony, at 4 o'clock P. M.

"JAMES C. WELLER, M."

Then follows the code of by-laws, in which we see nothing strange to extract.

The Clinton Lodge No. 82, above alluded to, was situated at Princeton, Kentucky, as was also Cumberland Lodge No. 8.

Bro. A. B. Dake was Junior Warden of Albion Lodge at its organization, and still later became a member of Lawrence Lodge No. 34, at Shawneetown.

The next meeting was held April 11th, at which the petitions of Wm. J. Gatewood, S. R. Rowan, Tarlton Dunn, James W. Hamilton, Andrew Musgrave, and Valentine J. Evins, for initiation, and T. Levell, for the third degree, were received. Bro. Levell was elected instant, and raised the same evening.

April 29—The following petitions were received: Wm. T. Hewitt, for affiliation; Edward Dobbins, for second degree; Joseph E. Watkins, for initiation. May 6—J. W. Hamilton, A. W. Pool, V. F. Evins, S. R.

Rowan, elected to first degree; Edward Dobbins to second, and Wm. F. Hewitt for affiliation. May 8—J. W. Hamilton; May 11, A. W. Pool, and on May 13, V. F. Evins, were initiated. May 17—Edward Dobbins, and on May 22, A. W. Pool and J. W. Hamilton were passed. May 26—Edward Dobbins raised, E. Jones demitted, and petitions of Robert T. Hopper, Daniel F. Boswell, and Lee Hargrave for initiation, and Samuel Gary, of Clinton No. 9, Ohio, for the second degree, received. May 27—J. W. Hamilton raised. May 29—A. W. Pool raised. May 31—Wm. J. Gatewood and Joseph E. Watkins, and on June 1, Tarlton Dunn, were initiated. June 3—Petition of L. W. Hargrave received, and Daniel F. Boswell initiated. June 6—Robert T. Hopper and Lee Hargrave initiated. June 7—Watkins and Dunn elected, and Lodge closed until next morning at 8 o'clock, at which time Gatewood was elected, and the Lodge called off until 2 o'clock P. M., when Gatewood, Dunn, Watkins, and Boswell were passed. June 10—Hopper passed. June 12—Gatewood and Dunn, and on June 14, Boswell and Watkins, were raised. June 17—Petitions of E. H. Gatewood, Solomon Holt, Moses Thompson, and Moses Fowler received. Committee appointed to "restore harmony between Breth. Gatewood and Hamilton, and Breth. Hawke and Dobbins." Hopper raised, and Isaac D. Towles demitted. June 19—L. W. Hargrave and Lee Hargrave passed. June 20—Solomon Holt and Moses Thompson initiated, and L. W. Hargrave and Lee Hargrave raised. June 24—Twenty-one brethren present. H. Wilson and Leonard White visiting. The Lodge having proceeded to an election, the following result was arrived at: Arnold B. Dake was elected W. M.; A. W. Pool, S. W.; Tarlton Dunn, J. W.; William J. Gatewood, Secretary; Robert T. Hopper, Treasurer; J. E. Watkins, S. D.; T. H. Levell, J. D.; and S. D. Hawke, Tyler. The officers were then installed, when "they were called from labor to refreshment, and the brethren repaired from the lodge-room to the house of Mr. S. R. Rowan, where they were again called on, and a regular procession was formed, according to ancient usage. Bro. Watkins, Marshal. The Lodge then proceeded to the Court House, and heard a sermon delivered by the Rev. James Alexander, and prayer by Rev. Benjamin Bruce, after which they proceeded to the house of Mr. Lewis Reed, joined by the clergy and ladies, where they partook of an excellent collation prepared for the occasion." June 27—Ephraim H. Gatewood initiated, and on the 28th passed to the "honorable degree of a Fellow Craft." June 3—S. Garey passed. Petition of James Williams received, and he initiated, and E. H. Gatewood raised. July 27—Stephen R. Rowan initiated. August 5—Bro. Absalom Ashby demitted, and committee appointed to collect dues, and pay off the debts of the Lodge. August 8—Sundry bills allowed. Settlement had with Bro. Ashby as Secretary. Rev. J. C. Alexander voted ten dollars for services as Chaplain on St. John's Day.

Petition of Thos. J. Lindsey received, and twenty dollars voted Bro. Wm. J. Gatewood, "in view of his recent misfortune." August 10—Thos. J. Lindsey initiated. The following letter was drawn up by Wm. J. Gatewood, and forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky:

"EQUALITY LODGE U. D.,
SATURDAY, Aug. 5, A. D. 1837, A. L. 5837. }

"*Philip Swigert, G. Sec. G. L. of Kentucky:*

"SIR:—Accompanying this communication please receive the return of Equality Lodge U. D., held in Equality, Gallatin county, State of Illinois.

"It will be perceived from the return that since the 7th of April last, the date of the installation of this Lodge, many new members have been made, and much business done, and that with almost unprecedented rapidity; but I am instructed to say that this appearance will not, it is hoped, prejudice the application of this Lodge to the G. L. of Kentucky for a charter.

"The long suspension of almost all Lodges in the western country from labor, occasioned by a circumstance occurring several years since in one of the eastern States, and well known to Masons, has just so long left many friendly to Masonry without the means of becoming members until the opening of this Lodge; and it is believed that this will furnish a sufficient apology, if any be needed, for the celerity with which work has been done here.

"I am instructed also to state that in every instance of a deviation from the bye-laws, they have been formally and by unanimous vote dispensed with; and, also, that in all the cases of new members, they have long been intimately acquainted with the elders; and, further, that in almost every instance when the bye-laws have been dispensed with, it has appeared to be a case of some emergency.

"Not knowing whether it be necessary to send with this return a copy of the bye-laws of this Lodge, it is not sent; but this Lodge works under a literal copy of the bye-laws of Clinton Lodge No. 82, Kentucky.

"Accompanying this please also receive the dispensation of the G. L. of Kentucky to this Lodge.

"Please also receive enclosed fifteen dollars for the dispensation, and balance remitted for charter of this Lodge.

"I am also instructed to make direct application to the G. L. of Kentucky, in this mode, for a charter to this Lodge, by the name of Equality Lodge No. —.

"It is supposed the sum remitted will be sufficient, if not, the remainder will be sent on the first notice.

"It would be acknowledged as a favor if you would inform the Secretary of this Lodge what would be the probable cost of jewels, well made and reasonably heavy, for a Master's Lodge.

"With sentiments of great respect, and due consideration, I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

"WM. J. GATEWOOD,
"Sec. Equality Lodge U. D.

"P. S.—This Lodge was installed April 7, 1837, by J. C. Weller, of Clinton Lodge No. 82, Kentucky."

The Lodge was duly constituted as No. 102, on the twenty-second September, 1837, by James C. Weller, D. G. M.

The Lodge from that time until the close of the year received three petitions, viz.: Joseph Choisser, Joel Holliday, and Lorenzo D. Atkins. Of these, Choisser was initiated November 4th. The twenty-seventh of December was duly observed by partaking of dinner at the house of Bro. Benjamin Lafferty. On this day officers were elected to serve the Lodge for the ensuing six months, who were as follows: Arnold B. Dake, W. M.; A. W. Pool, S. W.; Tarlton Dunn, J. W.; R. T. Hopper, Treasurer; Wm. J. Gatewood, Secretary; W. H. Siddall and T. H. Leavell, Deacons; and James Hamilton, Tyler. Bro. William F. Hewitt was demitted on the fourth November.

CHAPTER XI.

1838.

BODLEY LODGE No. 97.

During this year the following brethren were raised: John G. Driskill, May 5; James Magorian, June 2; Joseph Kelly, June 25; W. S. Walton, July 7; E. M. Davis was affiliated December 27.

The twenty-fourth of June was duly celebrated, the Lodge forming a procession and proceeding to the Congregational Church, where an address was delivered by J. H. Holton. From thence they proceeded to the "Land Office Hotel, where dinner was duly served up." On their return to the Lodge, John H. Holton was elected W. M.; J. N. Ralston, S. W.; J. H. Luce, J. W.; A. Miller, Treasurer; Hiram Rogers, Secretary; E. Turner, S. D.; T. Monroe, J. D.; Harrison Dills, Steward and Tyler.

At the meeting of October 3d, Breth. Asbury, Dills, Turner, and Luce were appointed a committee to procure a "lot of ground" for the purpose of building a lodge-room thereon; and it was resolved that they should proceed immediately to build said hall.

November 3d, a petition from sundry brethren at Columbus, asking a recommendation to their petition for a Lodge, was granted.

On the first of December, Martin Ladnor, J. W. Chenoweth, and Joseph Kelly were expelled for taking leave without notifying their creditors of their intention to do so. These brethren are fully described in the record, and among other matters, Bro. Chenoweth was stated to be by "occupation a blacksmith and Methodist." At the same meeting Bro. Ralston introduced the following:

"Resolved, That it is expedient for this Lodge to relinquish its charter to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky at its next annual communication."

Which was laid over to the next communication.

At the meeting of December 27th, the Building Committee reported that a building 20 by 35 feet, two stories high, would cost sixteen hundred

dollars, and that they had subscriptions to the amount of \$600. It was decided not to proceed further during that season.

Bro. Ralston's resolution was laid over to January, 1839, when the Lodge went into an election of officers, making choice of the following: J. N. Ralston, W. M.; Hiram Rogers, S. W.; H. Dills, J. W.; J. H. Luce, Sec.; T. Monroe and Enoch Conyers, Deacons; J. Woolf, Steward and Tyler. No record appears of an election of Treasurer.

EQUALITY LODGE NO. 102.

The following were raised in this Lodge during the year: Joseph Choisser, Jan. 10; Thomas J. Lindsey, Mar. 4; J. M. Burnett, June 2; Samuel S. Scudder, June 6; James Bennett, June 21; A. Irvin, July 24.

Equality Lodge was the first to perform the ceremonies of laying a corner-stone within the State of Illinois, and for this reason we give the record concerning that act in full:

"EQUALITY LODGE NO. 102,
Feb. 19, A. D. 1838, A. L. 5838. }

"Present: A. B. Dake, W. M.; A. W. Pool, S. W.; T. Dunn, J. W.; W. J. Gatewood, Secretary; L. W. Hargrave, Treasurer, *p. t.*; J. E. Watkins, S. D., *p. t.*; T. H. Leavell, J. D.; J. Hamilton, Tyler; S. Scudder, Entered Apprentice.

"The Lodge opened in the first degree of Masonry, and on motion, ordered that Bro. T. Dunn, Gatewood, and Pool report arrangements with officers for the celebration of laying the corner-stone of the public work at Shawneetown, on the 24th inst., which was adopted as follows:

"Bro. J. E. Watkins, Marshal; E. H. Gatewood, Assistant Marshal; Edward Jones, Orator; Rev. B. F. Spilman, Chaplain. Edward Leavell, William Burnett, Willis Hargrave, bearers of corn, wine, and oil; Bro. Lee Hargrave and Ed. Dobbins, Stewards White Rod; Jos. Choisser and Lee Hargrave, Black Rod.

"The Lodge then closed in this degree, and opened in the third in regular form, when the Worshipful Master called off until Friday, the 23d inst., at 8 o'clock, at Shawneetown.

"SHAWNEETOWN, Feb. 23d, A. D. 1838, A. L. 5838.

"The Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

"Present: A. B. Dake, W. M.; W. J. Gatewood, S. W., *p. t.* and Sec.; W. Hewett, J. W. and Treas., *p. t.*; I. D. Towles, S. and J. D., *p. t.*; J. Hamilton, Tyler; A. Flanders, Master Mason.

"The Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow at 11 o'clock, at the lodge-room in Shawneetown.

"SHAWNEETOWN, Feb. 24, 1838, A. L. 5838.

"Present: A. B. Dake, W. M.; A. W. Pool, S. W.; Visiting Bro. Calvin Gold, J. W., *p. t.*; W. J. Gatewood, Sec.; R. T. Hopper, Treas.; Wm. Burnett, S. D., *p. t.*; I. D. Towles, J. D., *p. t.*; Visiting Breth. A. Kirkpatrick, Jno. Marshall, and Bro. Edward Savill, bearers of corn, wine, and oil; Bro. J. Choisser and visiting Bro. — Anderson, of Ohio, Stewards with Black Rods; Bros. Flanders, Towles, and Hewitt, M. M., and Bennett, E. A., Musicians; E. H. Gatewood, Marshal; L. White, Bearer of the Bible; Bro. F. Crafts Lindsey and Geary; Bros. E. A. William Choisser, S. Scudder, and Jno. M. Burnett.

"After forming, the procession proceeded to the upper end of the work, and there laid the corner-stone of the public work in due and ancient form, after which they repaired to the hotel of Mr. Wagoner, in Shawneetown, and partook of an excellent repast prepared for the occasion. The Lodge then proceeded to the lodge-room in Shawneetown, and called from labor to refreshment, to meet at the lodge-room in Equality, on Feb. 26th; 1838."

March 3d, Daniel F. Boswell was expelled. His description, like those of Bodley Lodge, appears in full upon the record. He is described as "neat in dress, handsome in visage, quick spoken, rather forward, and not very learned" etc.

"Bro. William Siddall demitted June 16.

"June 21, Bro. Dake was re-elected W. M., there being no opposition; for Senior Warden there were two candidates, "Bro. T. Dunn receiving 8 votes to 1 for Bro. Pool;" T. Levell was elected J. W.; E. Jones, Sec'y; R. T. Hopper, Treasurer; J. E. Watkins and S. S. Scudder, Deacons; T. J. Lindsey, Tyler. July 24th, Bro. H. Wilson was admitted.

"On the 27th December, Bro. A. W. Pool was elected W. M.; Thomas H. Levell, S. W.; James W. Hamilton, J. W.; Robert T. Hopper, Secretary; William Siddall, Treasurer; J. E. Watkins and S. S. Scudder, Deacons; and J. T. Lindsey, Tyler.

TEMPERANCE LODGE.

On the 30th day of June, a dispensation was granted to Breth. William Hodge as Master, John D. Gorin as Senior Warden, and Nathaniel M. McCurdy as Junior Warden, to open and hold Temperance Lodge, at Vandalia. The Lodge did no work under this dispensation, and at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, held in October, it was renewed. The first dispensation was signed by John D. Daggett, D. G. M., attested by Richard B. Dallam, Grand Secretary. The second, which was dated October 3d, was granted to the same officers, and was signed by the same grand officers. The Lodge did no work during the year 1838.

COLUMBUS LODGE.

The record of the preliminary meeting of this Lodge we present entire:

"At a meeting of the following brethren of the Masonic family, held in Columbus, October 19th, 1838, present: Lytle Griffing, Daniel Harrison, Stephen Tousalin, John G. Driskill, Anthony Tousalin, S. H. B. Clarkson, James McGorian, John Neal, A. Jonas.

"Bro. S. H. B. Clarkson was appointed Chairman, and Bro. A. Jonas, Secretary.

"On motion,

"Resolved, That an application be made to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, for a dispensation for a Lodge in Columbus, to be called Columbus Lodge, Adams

county, Illinois, and that a committee of three be appointed to carry the same into effect—and that Bros. Harrison, Jonas, and Griffing be said committee.

“Resolved, That A. Jonas be recommended as the first Master; Daniel Harrison as the first Senior Warden, and J. G. Driskill, as the first Junior Warden of said Lodge.

“Resolved, That application be made to the Quincy Lodge at their next meeting, for recommendation to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, of the petition for a dispensation, and that Bros. Harrison, McGorian, Driskill, Griffing, S. and A. Tousalin be a committee to attend to the same.

“Resolved, That Bros. Griffing, Driskill, and Jonas be a committee to consult with Mr. Ledder Davis on the subject of a lodge-room, and report to-morrow evening, the 20th instant.

“Resolved, That each one of the petitioners for a dispensation agree to lend the new Lodge \$10 each, to be repaid whenever the Lodge has the means of so doing.

“Resolved, That the meeting adjourn to meet again to-morrow evening at the same place. Attest.

“Agreeable to adjournment, the meeting convened on Saturday evening. Present, Bros. Lytle Griffing, J. G. Driskill, A. Touzalin, D. Harrison, J. Neal and A. Jonas.

“And on motion,

“Daniel Harrison was appointed Chairman. The committee appointed to communicate with Mr. Ledder Davis, on the subject of a lodge-room, reported that the room could be obtained at \$7 per month, and that the room should be finished in a proper manner, and the expense be deducted out of rent.

“Ordered, That same committee enter into contract in writing with Mr. Davis to that effect.

“It was further resolved that the same committee have full power and authority, after the contract is made, to have the work done and completed on the best terms, and at the most reasonable rates.

“The meeting then adjourned, to meet on Wednesday evening.

“Attest.”

Lytle Griffing was the first raised in Bodley Lodge, and in fact, all but Harrison, Clarkson, and Jonas, were made in that Lodge. Daniel Harrison was the first Master of Bodley Lodge. This Lodge was recommended by Bodley Lodge on the 3rd of November. The dispensation was not received until the 6th of June of the following year, consequently this Lodge did no work during 1838.

HARMONY LODGE NO. 24.

This Lodge was constituted on the 30th day of November, 1838, as the following certificate will show:

“JACKSONVILLE.

“To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Wardens of the Grand Lodge of Missouri:

“In obedience to a deputation from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, empowering me as Deputy Grand Master for the time being, to install the officers of Harmony Lodge No. 24, Jacksonville, I did on the 30th day of November, A.

D. 1838, A. L. 5838, proceed to and did install Bro. Jno. T. Jones, as Master; W. B. Warren, Sr. Warden; A. Dunlap, Jr. Warden; D. Rockwell, Sec'y.; M. Stacey, Treas.; J. L. James, Sr. Deacon; W. S. Vance, Jr. Deacon; A. L. Dixon, S. and T.; of said Harmony Lodge No. 24, in form after the ancient usages of the order.



"Given under my hand and private seal at Jacksonville, the day and date above written.

"W. B. WARREN,

"D. G. M. G. L. M. *pro tem.*"

This Lodge held four meetings during the year 1838, the proceedings of one of which have just been given. On December 3rd the Lodge met, when Bro. John Gregory, a Fellow Craft, was raised. Dennis Rockwell was elected Secretary, and Matthew Stacy, Treasurer, James L. James and William S. Vance were appointed Deacons.

December 27th, the Lodge again met and opened on the first degree. An address was delivered by the W. M., "much to the edification and instruction of those present." An election was then held, resulting as follows: John T. Jones, W. M.; Wm. B. Warren, S. W.; Alex. Dunlap, J. W.; Dennis Rockwell, Secretary; Mat. Stacy, Treasurer; A. C. Dickson, Tyler. Breth. James and Vance were re-appointed Deacons, and Vance and H. W. Osburn were elected Stewards. Petition of James T. Sigler, for affiliation, was received. Bro. Stacy was directed to procure "two dozen white Lambskin aprons, and two turned collums."

December 28, Bro. Wm. D. McCord was passed and raised.

FAR WEST LODGE.

December 29th, 1838, the following petition was forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Missouri:

"GALENA, 29th Dec., A. L., 5838.

"*To the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mo.:*

"We, the undersigned brethren residing in the town of Galena, Jo Daviess county, State of Illinois, are desirous of forming ourselves into a Lodge of 'Ancient York Masons,' to be styled and known by the name of 'Far West,' and must beg of you to lay this our petition before the Worshipful Master, Wardens and members of the Grand Lodge of Mo., and pray them to grant us a charter in the names of Charles Gear, W. M.; Edward W. Turner, S. W.; Samuel McLean,

J. W. As there is no Lodge in this place or district of country, we must refer you to Bro. Wm. Hempstead, of St. Louis.

“Permit us to subscribe ourselves, yours fraternally,
“CHARLES GEAR,
E. W. TURNER,
SAM. McLEAN,
T. B. FARNSWORTH,
J. E. SMITH,
A. T. CROW,
H. H. GEAR,
DAN’L. WANN,
GEO. M. MITCHELL,
M. F. AULETT,
CAPT. JOHN CLARK,
RICH’D. PATTISON,
SAMUEL SMOKER,
JOHN SHERMAN,
JOHN S. WEBER.”

Two of the names on this petition are familiar, Charles and H. H. Gear, who were both members of Olive Branch Lodge No. 5.

This Lodge did no work during the year 1838.

CHAPTER XII.

1839.

BODLEY LODGE NO. 97.

The members raised by this Lodge during this year, were as follows : H. F. Main, Sept. 3rd ; H. F. Thompson, Sept. 30th ; F. G. Johnston, and John Crockett, Dec. 14th.

At the meeting of January 5th, a motion was made to adopt Bro. Ralston's resolution regarding the surrender of the charter, but after much discussion, it was laid over until the meeting in March. Bro. Asbury was demitted Feb. 5th. March 6, Bro. Ralston's resolution to surrender the charter was taken up and pressed to a vote, the result being 'Ayes, 3, Noes, 13.' So ended that matter. At this meeting Bro. S. Tuslin was demitted.

At the meeting of April 2, the question of building a hall was again brought up, and a committee of five appointed to inquire into the feasibility of the matter. Twenty dollars was voted the Trustees of the Methodist Church, which leads us to believe that the room in the "garret" was fitted up.

June 4th, the Committee on Building reported adversely to such project, and reported that they had procured a suitable room in the second story of Brother Most's two story building, "on the Square, at \$60." The by-laws were so amended at this meeting as to provide for elections annually, "according to ancient usage."

June 24th, Breth. Harrison, Tuslin, and Griffing were demitted to assist in forming Columbus Lodge. Officers as follows were elected: H. Rogers, W. M.; H. Dills, S. W.; E. M. Davis, J. W.; A. Miller, Treas.; J. H. Luce, Sec'y; T. Monroe and H. L. Simmons, Deacons; M. Most, Steward and Tyler. The following we quote: "Bro. Ralston read a letter from Harmony Lodge No. 24, at Jacksonville, relative [to] forming a Grand Lodge in this State. The following resolution was, after some discussion, passed: *Resolved*, That we deem it expedient to form a Grand Lodge in this State, and Bros. Ralston and Rogers were

appointed a committee to answer said letter on the subject of the Grand Lodge."

August 17th, Bro. Louis Bigwood was demitted. Sept. 3d, Bro. Asbury affiliated. December 2d, W. S. Walton expelled.

Notwithstanding the Lodge had resolved to elect officers for twelve months, "according to ancient usage," on the 27th of December it went into an election, which resulted in the choice of the following brethren: J. N. Ralston, W. M.; H. Asbury, S. W.; T. Monroe, J. W.; A. Miller, Treasurer; E. M. Davis, Secretary. Bro. Holton was elected Secretary, but was allowed to decline. In all this time it is perhaps proper to say that all business was transacted in the first degree, and the Lodge almost invariably met pursuant to adjournment.

EQUALITY LODGE NO. 102.

The work (raisings) done by this Lodge during this year was as follows: Beverly R. Young, Feb. 1; S. Gary, March 4; Solomon Holt, Oct. 2; James Williams, Oct. 6; John Howard, Dec. 7.

The last meeting at which Bro. Dake was present was on August 4th, and among the proceedings of the meeting of January 5th, 1839, we find the following entry:

"*Ordered*, That Brother William Siddall be allowed twenty dollars and thirty-seven cents for crape, etc., furnished at the burial of deceased Brothers William F. Hewitt and A. B. Dake."

This is the first intimation of the death of these brethren, there being no record as to their death or their burial, previous to the entry quoted.

May 4th, Bro. Scudder was allowed one dollar for "trimming the bier of deceased Brother A. B. Dake."

On the 17th of May the officers elected in December, 1838, for *six months*, were installed.

June 13th, Moses Thompson, an Entered Apprentice, was expelled.

June 24th, the following officers were elected: A. W. Pool, W. M.; Thos. H. Leavell (or Levell), S. W.; Jas. W. Hamilton, J. W.; William Siddall, Treas.; R. T. Hopper, Sec.; J. E. Watkins and S. S. Scudder, Deacons; Thomas J. Lindsey, Tyler. The day was then properly celebrated.

July 6th, Breth. Siddall, Leavell, and Hamilton were appointed a committee to settle a difficulty between Brethren Dunn and Hopper.

July 20th, a request was received from the "Bank of Illinois," at Shawneetown, asking the Lodge to lay the corner-stone of their "new banking house," which was done "according to ancient form." Bro. Wm. J. Gatewood delivered the oration on that occasion.

On the 17th of October, "Brother Matthew Hammond, aged about 35 years, a member of Trinity Lodge No. 37, New York," having died, was buried with Masonic honors.

November 19th, the following resolution was passed :

"Resolved, That a committee [consisting] of Brothers William J. Gatewood, Edmund Jones, and Tarlton Dunn, be appointed to correspond with all the subordinate Lodges of this State, with a view to reorganizing the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois."

December 27th, the officers for the ensuing six months were elected, which resulted in the choice of the following brethren: Harrison Wilson, W. M.; Edmund Jones, S. W.; Jas. W. Hamilton, J. W.; Solomon Holt, Secretary; William Siddall, Treas.; Thos. J. Lindsey and B. C. Crow, Deacons; Beverly R. Young, Tyler. The day was observed, the Lodge partaking of dinner at the house of Brother Leavell. Bro. Crow was admitted on the 5th of August. On December 7th Breth. Lindsey, Scudder, and Young asked demits, which were granted. Bro. Holt asked for a demit at the same meeting, which was refused. These demits did not seem to have affected the relations of the brethren to the Lodge to any great degree, as at the next meeting three of the brethren were elected to offices, and there is no record of their having been re-admitted.

HARMONY LODGE NO. 24.

January 7th, petition of John E. Denny received and referred.

February 4th, Bro. J. T. Sigler affiliated. At this meeting the following was passed: "On motion, it was voted that twenty dollars be appropriated out of the funds of this Lodge for the relief of a Mr. Elder, a poor person, who has had the misfortune to have his legs broken." In addition to this appropriation, an individual subscription was taken, which resulted in the collection of ten dollars, there being ten brethren present. March 4th, Breth. Francis Robertson and Clark Roberts were affiliated, and Bro. Osburn demitted.

March 11th, Josiah M. Lucas was initiated, and on the 10th of June passed. At the regular meeting in September (no date given), Cornelius Ludlum was initiated, and petition of A. V. Putnam referred. The Lodge held no further meetings until after the session of the Grand Lodge in October.

SPRINGFIELD LODGE NO. 26.

January 27th the following brethren signed a petition addressed to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, asking for a dispensation to open and hold a Lodge at Springfield, viz.: "J. Adams, late a member of the Lodge at Skaneateles, N. Y., No. not recollected; James R. Gray, late a member of Vesper Lodge, Ky.; Alex'r Lindsay, late a member of Star Lodge No. 197, Pennsylvania; Henry Colestock, Perseverance Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg, Pa.; Philo Beers, Montgomery Lodge, N. Y.; L. S. Cornwell, Lodge No. 73, of Bowling Green, Ky.; Martin Doyle, Lodge No. 39,

Ireland; J. R. Braucher, Lodge No. 33, Circleville, Ohio; Bela Webster, Whitesboro Lodge, N. Y., No. 315; James Maxcy, Lodge No. 73, Bowling Green, Ky." This petition being duly recommended by Harmony Lodge No. 24, a dispensation, bearing date February 25, 1839, and signed by S. W. B. Carnegy, Grand Master, attested by Richard B. Dallam, Grand Secretary, was issued. Brother Adams was named as Master; James R. Gray, Senior, and Alexander Lindsay, Junior Warden. Bro. Adams was a visitor at the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in 1826, and Bro. Beers was a charter member of Eden Lodge No. 11.

The minutes of the first meeting of this Lodge we give in full.

"At a meeting of Master, Wardens, and Brethren of Springfield Lodge, No.—held at the "American House," on Saturday evening, April 20th, A. D. 1839, A. L. 5839.

"Opened on the Master's degree.

"Brethren present: JAMES ADAMS, W. M.

JAMES R. GRAY, S. W.

ALEXANDER LINDSAY, J. W."

"M. Doyle, James Maxcy, Samuel L. Hesser, James Zwisler, Jr., Joseph Firey, M. A. Kelly, Wm. Cudmore, and Love S. Cornwell.

"Bro. James Adams, M. in the chair.

"On motion of Bro. A. Lindsay,

"*Resolved*, That the members present now organize, so far as to elect their officers for the ensuing year.

"On motion of Bro. Firey,

"That the officers be elected *viva voce*.

"Whereupon the following were elected unanimously:

"LOVE S. CORNWELL, Secretary.

MAURICE DOYLE, Treasurer.

JAMES MAXCY, Tyler.

"And appointed by the W. M.:

"PHILO BEERS, S. D.

WM. CUDMORE, J. D.

M. HELM, 1st M. C.

M. A. KELLY, 2d M. C.

"On motion of Bro. Lindsay,

"*Resolved*, That we invite Bro. Helm to install the officers of this Lodge.

"On motion of Bro. Gray,

"That we meet Thursday evening (25th inst,) at half past 6 o'clock, for the purpose of installing the officers.

"On motion, adjourned.

"J. ADAMS, Master.

"L. S. CORNWELL, Secretary."

The brethren raised by this Lodge during the year are as follows: John S. Killaly, Oct. 29th; Josiah Wickersham, Nov. 14th; J. S. Roberts, Nov. 18th. April 25th, the officers were duly installed by Bro. Meredith Helm. On the 13th May, Breth. W. Harvey and W. W. Watson were present as visitors, also Bro. John Uhler, of Friendship Lodge,

Maryland. July 25th, Bro. Uhler was affiliated, and is, we believe, the only member now living who was present at that meeting, with the exception of Bro. Maxcy. Oct. 28th, the Lodge was duly constituted, the following brethren being present: A. B. Chambers, G. M.; Wm. B. Warren, D. G. M.; Wm. S. Vance, S. G. W.; M. Helm, J. G. W.; M. J. Kelley, S. G. D.; W. Cudmore, J. G. D.; James Zwisler, Gr. Tyler; James Adams, James R. Gray, J. R. Braucher, Joseph Firey, B. C. Webster, S. L. Hesser, J. Wickersham, W. Briggs, J. S. Killaly, and J. F. Reed.

On the record of November 18th, we find the following entry :

"On motion, Bros. Helm, Adams and Lindsay were appointed a committee to represent this Lodge at a convention of the Lodges of this State, to be holden in Jacksonville, on the 27th day of December proximo, for the purpose of conferring together as to the propriety of establishing a Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, and determining the place of holding the same."

December 25th, Bro. W. Harvey was admitted, and the following list of officers elected: M. Helm, Master; A. Lindsay, S. W.; J. Adams, J. W.; M. Doyle, Treas.; L. S. Cornwell, Sec.; James Maxcy, Tyler. These officers were then installed and the following appointed: M. J. Kelly and J. S. Killaly, Deacons; Wm. Harvey and J. R. Braucher, first and second Masters of Ceremonies.

A committee of five was appointed to procure a silver cup, to cost not less than twenty dollars, which was to be presented to Bro. Adams as a "token of respect and esteem."

TEMPERANCE LODGE No. 27.

We present the minutes of the first meeting entire :

"At a meeting of Temperance Lodge, under dispensation of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, held at their lodge-room at Vandalia, Illinois, on Thursday, the 10th day of January, A. L. 5839, A. D. 1839—

"Present: Wm. Hodge, W. M.; John D. Gorin, S. W.; N. M. McCurdy, J. W.; R. K. McLaughlin, Treas., *p. t.*; Wm. Prentiss, Sec., *p. t.*; Thos. B. Hickman, S. D., *p. t.*; Moses Philips, J. D., *p. t.*, and Tyler, *p. t.*; Breth. Thomas C. Kirkman and Asahel Lee, M. M.; visiting brethren—James Adams, M. M., late of Schenatalus Lodge No. —, N. Y.; Alvan Washburn, M. M., late of Miami Lodge No. 46, Ohio; W. McFarlane, M. M., of Franklin Lodge No. 22, Alton, Missouri; W. J. Gatewood, M. M., of Lodge No. —, Equality, Illinois; James M. Duncan, M. M., late of Lodge No. —, Vandalia, Illinois.

"The Lodge was opened in the first degree of Masonry, according to ancient form.

"The Worshipful Master laid before the Lodge a dispensation from the Most Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Missouri, together with a com-

munication from the Grand Secretary enclosing the same, which were read and ordered to be filed and recorded.

"The Worshipful stated briefly the proceedings by which the dispensation had been procured.

"On motion of Bro. Prentiss,

"*Ordered*, That a committee of three be appointed to report rules for the government of this Lodge, and that Breth. Prentiss, Gorin, and McCurdy be that committee.

"No further business appearing in this degree, the Lodge was closed, and opened in the second degree, and after some time spent in a lecture, the Lodge was closed in due order and harmony, at 8 o'clock P. M."

The raisings reported by this Lodge during this year are as follows: Henry C. Remann, April 11; David B. Hodge, April 17; C. B. Blockburgher, June 4; James M. Peery, July 10; Asa Dilley, June 5; Willard T. Hopkins, June 12; John S. Bradford, November 16; A. Bourland, November 28. Bro. Samuel Winterode was admitted August 12. Bro. Asa Dilley was demitted.

The minutes from which we are now extracting the information regarding this Lodge, are the neatest we have ever seen, and were written by William C. Greenup, formerly of Western Star Lodge, whom we had lost sight of since 1829.

The record (we allude above to the original record sent us by Bro. Gouley) seems to have been written by the Master (Bro. Hodge) himself; it is quite neat, but crowded all together.

At the meeting of February 18, Bro. Thomas Moore, "late of Eden Lodge," was present as a visitor. The following resolution was passed:

"*Resolved*, That this Lodge will not receive petitions for initiation or ballot thereon in any other than the third degree."

At the meeting of June 3, Breth. Jacob C. Bruner, of Franklin Lodge; Harry Wilton, of the late Lodge No. —, at Carlyle, Illinois, and Nathaniel Buckmaster, late of Libanus Lodge No. 29, were visiting.

We are inclined to the opinion that Illion Lodge, of which it is impossible to find any trace, was located at Carlyle. (Hiram Lodge, we have good reason to believe, was located at Brownsville.

At the meeting of June 4, Mathew Duncan, "late of the Western Star Lodge No. 107," Kaskaskia, Illinois, and Guy W. Smith, "late R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois," were visiting. Bro. Smith was Master of a Lodge at Palestine in 1825, and was probably elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge at its last meeting in 1827, of which meeting we have no record.

At the meeting of June 10, we find the following entry:

"The Worshipful Master laid before the Lodge a communication from a committee of Harmony Lodge No. 24, at Jacksonville, Illinois, on the

subject of forming a Grand Lodge in this State, which was read, and on motion, ordered to be laid upon the table."

July 8th, the communication was taken from the table, and referred to Breth. Gorin, McCurdy, and McLaughlin.

September 9th, the following action was had:

"On motion of Bro. Greenup, the following resolution was offered and adopted:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a memorial or address to the several Lodges held in this State, inviting them to send delegates to a Masonic Convention, to be held at Vandalia, on the 27th day of December next, for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge for the State of Illinois, and report the same to this Lodge, at the adjourned meeting, to be held on Friday next.

"Whereupon, Breth. Greenup, Hickman, and Lee were appointed that committee."

November 11th, the Lodge was constituted under charter as No. 27; and at the same meeting the following was adopted, "Bro. Asahel Lee being in the chair":

"The committee to whom was referred the resolution 'to correspond with the several Lodges held in this State, inviting them to send delegates to a Masonic Convention, to be held at Vandalia, on the 27th December next, for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge for the State of Illinois,' asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and the Bro. Worshipful moved that Vandalia be stricken out, and Jacksonville be inserted instead thereof. Agreed to. The chair appointed Bro. Worshipful a committee of one to perform the duties of the above named committee, and was also appointed a delegate to the convention to be held at Jacksonville, on the 27th December next."

December 8th, the following officers were elected: Wm. Hodge, W. M.; N. M. McCurdy, S. W.; T. B. Hickman, J. W.; A. Washburn, Treas.; D. B. Hodge, Sec.; H. C. Remann and W. T. Hopkins, Deacons; and John S. Bradford, Tyler.

December 27th, the officers were installed, and the day celebrated.

FAR WEST LODGE NO. 29.

The first meeting is as follows:

"GALENA, March 23, A. L. 5839.

"Meeting of Far West Lodge pursuant to notice.

"Present: Brothers Charles Gear, W. M.; E. W. Turner, S. W.; Dan'l Wann, J. W., *pro tem.*; A. T. Crow, S. D.; H. H. Gear, J. D.; Geo. M. Mitchell, Treas., *pro tem.*; J. E. Smith, Secretary; M. Faucet, Tyler; Brothers John Sherman, Samuel Smoker, C. P. Burrows, Rich'd Pattison, J. C. Legate, E. F. Ogden.

"Lodge opened in due form on the first degree of Masonry.

"Brother E. F. Ogden presented the letter of dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, which being read, it was moved that it be received and worked under.

"Brothers A. T. Crow, Dan'l Wann, and E. W. Turner appointed a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws for the government of the Lodge.

"Brothers Geo. M. Mitchell, A. T. Crow, and H. H. Gear appointed a committee to procure suitable furniture and implements.

"Brother J. E. Smith was requested to procure the jewels for the Lodge.

"On motion it was

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Lodge be tendered to Brother E. F. Ogden for his attention in procuring a dispensation for this Lodge, and furthermore, that he be admitted a member of this Lodge free of the usual admittance fee.

"On motion, the Lodge adjourned until Friday evening, the 29th inst."

The following are the names signed to the by-laws of this Lodge: Charles Gear, E. W. Turner, Sam'l McLean, A. T. Crow, H. H. Gear, J. E. Smith, T. P. Farnsworth, M. Faucet, T. C. Legate, Geo. M. Mitchell, Dan'l Wann, Richard Pattison, Samuel Smoker, John Sherman, J. Clark, R. Thompson, E. F. Ogden, C. P. Burrows.

The Lodge conferred the Master's degree upon the following brethren during the year 1839: A. J. Jackson, June 22; John Turney, Aug. 31; John M. Stanley, Sept. 2.

There is nothing in the minutes of this Lodge for 1839 to merit any special note.

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE NO. 33.

On the 26th of July a petition signed by a number of brethren asking for a dispensation to open a Lodge at Hillsboro, to be called Mount Moriah, was recommended by Temperance Lodge U. D., at Vandalia. The names signed to this petition are: "C. B. Blockburger, of Temperance Lodge U. D., Illinois; M. P. Nicholson, of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 27, N. C.; Martin Kinsley, Union Lodge No. 10, North Providence, R. I.; Hail Kingsley, Washington Lodge No. 3; Aaron Knapp, Homer, N. Y., 137; M. L. Stinson, Vale of Tempe No. 45, Tenn.; Stephen Abbott, Genessee Union No. 332; Harry Wilton, of Eden Lodge No. 7, last W. M."

The dispensation was granted August 17th, 1839, and is signed by "A. B. Chambers, G. S. W.," attested by "Rich'd B. Dallam, Gr. Sec'y." In this dispensation C. B. Blockburger was named as Master; Hail Kingsley, S. W., and Martin Kinsley, J. W. Bro. Blockburger was raised in Temperance Lodge.

The first meeting of which we have any record is August 31, which seems to be an adjourned meeting. The minutes of the first are not in

our possession. The raisings reported by this Lodge are as follows: Allan Carriker, Oct. 2; H. P. Gay, Oct. 3; J. H. Ralston, Nov. 30; Joseph Brookfield, Dec. 14; Jacob Lingofelter and Nicodemus Brown, Dec. 27.

The dispensation under which this Lodge labored was renewed at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Missouri in 1839.

COLUMBUS LODGE.

The dispensation for this Lodge was granted by Bro. S. W. B. Carnegy, Grand Master, and was dated June 3d, 1839; naming Breth. Abraham Jonas, Master; Daniel Harrison, S. W., and John G. Driskill, J. W.

The following letter from Bro. Carnegy accompanied the dispensation:

"PALMYRA, 3d JUNE, 1839.

"To Bros. Jonas, Harrison, Driskill, Clarkson, Neil, Touzalin, Touzalin, McGorian and Griffin, petitioners for a dispensation to form a Lodge at Columbus Ills., &c.

"GENTLEMEN:—The dispensation for which you have petitioned is herewith enclosed, and I avail myself at the same time of this opportunity to express to you my brothers, and through you to those who may in future be associated with you in the glorious undertaking in which you have embarked, the very heartfelt pleasure which I have in contributing my little aid for the advancement of the ancient fraternity of Masons. Allow me, my brothers, at the same time to express my great solicitude for the honor and happiness of the Craft. Those that bear the high honor of being members among those who have *entered* into covenant with the fraternity, *passed* the square, and seen suspended the initial of the name of our celestial G. M., and been *raised* to the honor of bearing the emblem of power, and of using the trowel—those, permit me to say, should be holy, harmless, and undefiled. Having separated themselves from the common mass of men, and taken their stand in front ranks of those who would be useful, charitable, and moral, let me urge you by every consideration, the honor of the name of Mason—the claims of our fellow men upon us, for examples of charity, frugality, temperance, fortitude, justice and patriotism—by our high and holy origin—our honorable connections here, and our glorious destiny hereafter—to guard well the entering in of the sanctuary, and house of Masonry. Let no one that is immoral, or in the least degree predisposed to intemperance, so much as enter even the outer courts of your glorious temple. There are but very few in the world worthy of a knowledge of our art, and there ought to be but few Masons, therefore, and so long as we are but few in number, and consist of the true, the moral, and temperate, we are safe, and may be happy. The best evidence of speedy ruin to any Lodge, is that they increase very fast—that they are very numerous.

"Hoping that none but the worthy will ever receive from your Lodge admission into our mysteries, and that you may now in this far western hemisphere and newly settled country, in this favored region, far removed from the storm of anti-Masonry which has with so much bigotry, hatred, and zeal swept over the eastern Lodges, so lay the foundation of the edifice, deep and strong, that in due time we may "bring forth the cape stone with shouting and praise," that we

may receive the appellation of "good Master" each for himself, that may at last in that character "lay aside the level and plumb-line, the gavel and trowel, the compass and square," and be greeted and welcomed to the Temple of God, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, is the anxious wish of your friend and brother.

(Signed.)

"S. W. B. CARNEGIE."

The record of the first meeting, aside from the letter just given, is of no more than ordinary interest.

"Breth. J. S. Logan, Nov. 23d, M. S. Hudnall and A. J. Short, Dec. 30th, were raised during the year 1839.

The following action was taken on the 22d June:

"A communication was produced by the W. M. from the Jacksonville Lodge of Illinois, on the subject of the formation of a Grand Lodge for this State, which having been read, was referred to a committee of the W. Master, Treasurer, and Junior Deacon."

The committee were Breth. Jonas, W. D. McCann, and J. Magorian.

July 27th, the committee reported as follows:

"The committee on the Jacksonville communication reported that they agree in opinion with their brethren of Harmony Lodge, as to the propriety of forming a Grand Lodge for the State of Illinois, and your committee trust that on that subject, so important to the interests of Masonry, there will be no diversity of opinion among the Craft. At the same time, your committee would suggest, that the final location of the Grand Lodge should be determined on by the delegates from different Lodges, after consultation on the subject. Your committee believe that Jacksonville would be a favorable point for the first meeting and organization of the Grand Lodge, but differ with the members of Harmony Lodge as to the time of the meeting—the 27th of December is an unpleasant season of the year for traveling, and your committee believe that but few could be induced to attend at Jacksonville at that time, and your committee believe that the meeting should either take place earlier in the fall, or postponed until next spring.

"Entertaining those views, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That this Lodge approve of the views expressed by their committee, and will co-operate with the other Lodges of this State in the design of forming a Grand Lodge, and will appoint delegates to the same, as soon as the time and place is determined on.

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary transmit to Harmony Lodge No. 24, a copy of this report and resolutions.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

"A. JONAS,
W. D. McCANN,
JAS. MAGORIAN. } Committee."

From a report made to Springfield Lodge No. 4 (which is given below), we learn that on the 27th December, 1839, a convention was held at Jacksonville, to take into consideration the subject of the formation of a Grand Lodge. The report is here given:

"The committee appointed to attend the Masonic convention at Jacksonville, on 27th December, 1839, respectfully report:

"That they attended the sittings of the convention, and participated in its deliberations, at the time and place appointed. There was not a general attendance of delegates from the different Lodges of the State, though letters were read from nearly all not represented, approving of the object of the convention. After consultation it was unanimously determined that a Grand Lodge should be formed for the State of Illinois. The first Monday of April next was fixed upon as the day for the assembling of another convention at Jacksonville, when it is expected the Lodges generally will be represented, the place for the permanent location of the Grand Lodge will be selected, the officers elected, and the Grand Lodge finally constituted.

"All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed)

"M. HELM,
A. LINDSEY, } *Committee.*
J. ADAMS.

CHAPTER XIII.

1840.

GRAND LODGE.

It will be remembered that the delegates of Springfield Lodge reported that the convention of Dec. 27, 1839, had adjourned to the first Monday in April, 1840, then to meet and organize the Grand Lodge. For some reason not now apparent, the convention assembled on the 20th January, A. D. 1840, when the following proceedings were had :

"At a convocation of Masons composed of delegates from several of the subordinate Lodges in Illinois, held in Masonic hall, in the town of Jacksonville, on the 20th day of January, A. D. 1840, A. L. 5840, it was unanimously

"Resolved. That it is expedient and proper that a Grand Lodge for the State of Illinois be established upon principles consistent with, and subordinate to the general regulations and ancient constitutions of Freemasonry, and that Bros. W. B. Warren and W. S. Vance of Jacksonville, and J. Adams and M. Helm, of Springfield, be a committee to correspond with the several Lodges in this State and ask their co-operation and assistance, and request their attendance by representative or proxy, at a convocation to be holden at Jacksonville, on the 6th day of April, A. D. 1840, A. L. 5840, for the purpose of discussing the propriety of establishing a Grand Lodge for the State of Illinois, and determining the best place for locating the same."

In regard to this matter, Bodley Lodge took the following action :

"It was moved by Bro. Holton, that the W. Master and Wardens be our representatives to the convention of Lodges to be held in Jacksonville, on the first Monday in April next, relative to forming a Grand Lodge in this State. It was then moved that Bro. Luce and Secretary [E. M. Davis] be a committee to correspond with the other Lodges on the subject of forming a Grand Lodge in this State."

The action in Equality Lodge was as follows :

"Ordered, That John T. Jones, of Jacksonville, Ill., be appointed proxy for this Lodge in the convention of Masons, to be held in this State, and that he be requested to vote, as such proxy, for the town of Springfield, as the place of holding the meetings of a Grand Lodge in this State."

Rather queer that, asking a brother to represent a Lodge, and then to vote against his own town.

Temperance Lodge took no action regarding the matter. Springfield Lodge passed the following:

"On motion, the W. M., Sr. and Jr. Wardens were appointed a committee to attend the adjourned convention that met in Jacksonville on the 27th December last, and Bros. Gray, Webster, and Killaly were appointed to fill any vacancy which may occur in said committee."

Columbus Lodge passed the following:

"A letter from the brethren of Jacksonville Lodge, respecting the formation of a Grand Lodge for the State of Illinois, was read, and ordered to be filed, when Bro. Chapman offered the following resolutions, which were accepted:

"*Resolved*, By the Columbus Lodge, that the W. Master and Wardens be and hereby are a committee to attend a meeting of delegates from the several Lodges of this State, at Jacksonville, on the 4th day of April next, approving of the expediency of forming a Grand Lodge of this State.

"*Resolved*, That Quincy, in Adams county, be recommended as a suitable place for the location of said Grand Lodge.

"*Resolved*, That in case the Master and Wardens should not be able to attend said meeting of delegates, that they be hereby authorized to appoint some suitable member of this Lodge to attend said meeting."

On Monday, the sixth of April, delegates and proxies met in Jacksonville. We shall use the record as printed, correcting such mistakes as occur therein.

"In pursuance to said correspondence [alluding to the action of January 20th,] a convocation was held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Jacksonville, on the 6th day of April, A. D. 1840, A. L. 5840.

"Present: J. T. JONES, W. M.,
W. B. WARREN, S. W.,
A. DUNLAP, J. W.,
A. V. PUTNAM, Sec.,
S. W. LUCAS, Treas.,
W. S. VANCE, S. D.,
J. M. LUCAS, J. D.,
A. C. DIXON, S. and S._i*

"Bro. James Adams appeared as representative of Springfield Lodge No. 26.

"H. Rodgers† and H. Dill,‡ of Bodley Nodge No. 29.§

"W. D. McCann, Columbus Lodge No. 20.

"J. T. Jones, *proxy*, Equality Lodge No. 102.

"D. Rockwell, Far West Lodge No. 29.

"W. B. Warren and A. Dunlap, Harmony Lodge No. 24.

"A Lodge of Master Masons was opened, according to ancient form and usage.

* Tyler, † Rogers. ‡ Dills. § No. 97.

"On motion, a committee of Breth. Vance, Adams, and Rodgers* were appointed to examine the credentials of delegates and proxies, and report immediately.

"The committee reported the following Lodges to be regularly represented: Bodley, Springfield, Columbus, Far West, and Harmony; and,

"On motion of Bro. Rodgers, Equality was admitted by its proxy.

"The object of the meeting having been fully considered, it was unanimously

"Resolved, That the several subordinate Lodges of Ancient Free Masonry in the State of Illinois here assembled, represented by delegates and proxies properly authorized, consider it as a matter of right, and as conducive to the general benefit of Masonry, that a Grand Lodge be established in the State of Illinois, and that they now proceed to establish, organize, and locate the same accordingly, to be known and designated by the name of the GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS.

"On motion, Breth. Warren, Jones, and McCann were appointed a committee to draft and report a Constitution and By-Laws for the government of the Grand Lodge.

"On motion, a ballot was had for the purpose of locating the Grand Lodge, which resulted in no choice.

"On motion, the Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment.

"3 o'clock P. M.—The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor. Present, the same officers and brethren as in the morning.

"The committee to draft a Constitution and By-Laws, reported that they had performed that duty.

"The Constitution and By-Laws having been amended, were adopted.

"A ballot was then had upon the location of the Grand Lodge, which was decided in favor of Jacksonville.

"On motion, the Grand Lodge then went into a ballot for officers, whereupon the following officers were elected, viz.:

"M. W. ABRAHAM JONAS, G. M.,
R. W. JAMES ADAMS, D. G. M.;
W. W. S. VANCE, G. S. W.,
H. ROGERS, G. J. W.,
W. B. WARREN, G. Sec.,
A. DUNLAP, G. Treas.

"On motion, Breth. Warren, Vance, and Dunlap were appointed a committee to have the Constitution and By-Laws printed.

"On motion, the Grand Secretary was authorized to procure a seal for the Grand Lodge; when,

"On motion, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until the last Tuesday in April, instant, 2 o'clock P. M.

* Rogers.

"TUESDAY, April 28th, A. D. 1840, A. L. 5840.

"The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

"Present: R. W. JAMES ADAMS, D. G. M.,
 W. W. S. VANCE, G. S. W.,
 SAMUEL W. LUCAS, G. J. W.,
 W. B. WARREN, G. S.,
 A. DUNLAP, G. T.,
 P. COFFMAN, G. S. D.,
 A. V. PUTNAM, G. J. D.,
 A. C. DIXON, G. S. and T.

"The following representatives appeared and took their seats, viz.:

"Brothers James Adams, of Springfield Lodge;

"W. B. Warren and A. Dunlap, of Harmony Lodge;

"J. T. Jones, proxy, Equality Lodge;

"W. S. Vance and D. Rockwell, proxy, Far West Lodge.

"*Visiting Brethren*.—J. T. Sigler, C. Ludlum, J. Gregory, of Harmony Lodge, and ——— Dawson, St. Louis Lodge No. 20.

"On motion, all but Past Masters having retired, a convocation of Past Masters was declared, and the M. W. Grand Master installed by proxy, and the grand honors paid him agreeably to ancient form and usage. The convocation was then dissolved, and the M. W. Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

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 "WEDNESDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock.

"The Grand Lodge was called to labor again. Present—the same officers and members as yesterday.

"The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers

"P. Coffman, of Jacksonville, G. S. D.; I. R. Gray, of Springfield, G. J. D.; Rev. H. W. Osborn, of Morgan county, G. C.; M. Helm, of Springfield, G. M.; A. C. Dixon, of Jacksonville, G. S. and T.

"The officers were then installed agreeable to ancient form and usage.

"Springfield Lodge then surrendered the charter under which she had been working, and received one from this Grand Lodge as No. 4.

"Harmony Lodge surrendered her charter and received one as No. 3.

"On motion,

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue charters to the following Lodges, viz.: To Bodley Lodge as No. 1, Equality as No. 2, Far West as No. 5, and Columbus as No. 6.

"*Resolved*, That Brother Grand Secretary be directed to make inquiry of the officers of the late Grand Lodge of Illinois what disposition was made of the jewels and furniture of said Lodge.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have the proceedings of this convocation printed, and transmit copies to the several Grand Lodges in the United States, the Canadas, and Texas, and request a correspondence with them.

"No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form and harmony.

"JAMES ADAMS, D. G. M.

"Attest: W. B. WARREN, *Grand Secretary*."

FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

"At a Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, held at Jacksonville, on Monday, the 20th day of October, A. D. 1840, A. L. 5840,

Present: M. W. A. JONAS, *G. M.*
 R. W. J. ADAMS, *D. G. M.*
 W. S. W. LUCAS, *G. S. W., pro tem.*
 H. DILLS, *G. J. W., pro tem.*
 W. B. WARREN, *G. Sec.*
 A. DUNLAP, *G. Treas.*
 P. COFFMAN, *G. S. D.*
 M. STACEY, *G. J. D., pro tem.*
 M. HELM, *G. M.*
 C. LUDLAM, *G. P.*
 A. C. DIXON, *G. S. and T.*

"Representatives: No. 1, HARRISON DILLS, *W. M.*
 No. 3, A. DUNLAP, S. W. LUCAS, and JOHN GREGORY.
 No. 4, M. HELM, JAMES ADAMS.
 No. 6, A. JONAS.

"VISITING BRETHREN.—J. T. Sigler, J. M. Lucas, A. V. Putnam, Willis Tandy, and B. Wherrit.

"The Grand Lodge was then opened in the third degree of Masonry, according to ancient form and usage.

"On motion, the W. Master was authorized to appoint the following standing committees, to-wit:

"On Returns of Lodges, Petitions and Grievances, Finance and Accounts, To examine Visiting Brethren,

"A petition from several brethren residing at or near Peoria, was received and read by brother G. Secretary, and referred to the Committee on Petitions and Grievances.

"On motion of Bro. Dunlap, all Master Masons in good standing are invited to visit the Grand Lodge at its present communication.

"On motion, the Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until half-past 2 o'clock this afternoon.

"MONDAY EVENING, Half Past 2 o'clock P. M.

"The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor. The same officers and members as this morning.

"The M. W. Grand Master announced the following committees:

"On Returns of Subordinate Lodges.—Breth. Adams, Helm, and Gregory.

"On Petitions and Grievances.—Breth. Dills, Dunlap, and Stacy.

"On Finance and Accounts.—Breth. Lucas, Ludlum, and Coffman.

"To Examine Visiting Brethren.—Breth. Helm and Gregory.

"On motion, the Grand Lodge then went into a ballot for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and until their successors shall be duly elected and installed, when the following officers were declared duly elected, to-wit:

"M. W. A. JONAS, of Columbus, G. M.
 R. W. JAS. ADAMS, of Springfield, D. G. M.
 W. A. DUNLAP, of Jacksonville, G. S. W.
 W. H. DILLS, of Quincy, G. J. W.
 W. W. B. WARREN, of Jacksonville, G. Sec.
 W. P. COFFMAN, of Jacksonville, G. Treas.
 Rev. H. W. OSBORN, of Morgan co., G. Chap.
 S. A. DOUGLAS, of Springfield, G. Orator.

"On motion,

"*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master appoint the balance of the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge,

"Who signified his pleasure to do so on to-morrow morning.

"On motion,

"*Resolved*, That Harmony Lodge No. 3, Springfield Lodge No. 4, and Columbus Lodge No. 6, be required to pay Grand Lodge dues for the last six months, and that Bodley Lodge No. 1 be excused from paying dues for the past six months, said Lodge not having surrendered her former charter until the month of August last.

"On motion, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock.

"TUESDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock A. M.

"The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

"Present: M. W. A. JONAS, G. M.
 R. W. J. ADAMS, D. G. M.
 W. A. DUNLAP, G. S. W.
 H. DILLS, G. J. W.
 W. B. WARREN, G. Sec.
 P. COFFMAN, G. Treas.
 M. STACY, G. S. D.
 M. HELM, G. J. D.
 C. LUDLUM, G. M.
 A. V. PUTNAM, G. P.
 A. C. DIXON, G. S. and T.

"Representatives of subordinate Lodges the same as yesterday.

"The M. W. Grand Master made the following appointments, in pursuance of a resolution of the Grand Lodge, viz.:

"Breth. W. D. McCANN, of Columbus, D. G. S.
 M. HELM, of Springfield, G. S. D.
 J. CROCKER,* of Quincy, G. J. D.
 S. W. LUCAS, of Jacksonville, G. M.
 C. LUDLUM, of Jacksonville, G. Tyler.
 LUCIEN B. ADAMS, of Springfield, } G. S.
 T. G. JOHNSON,† of Quincy, }
 L. GRIFFING, of Columbus, G. S. B.
 JOHN GREGORY, of Jacksonville, G. P.

"On motion, the following amendments were offered to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, viz.:"

As these amendments are of but little importance at this time, a synopsis will be given instead of the original.

The first, which was an amendment to Section 2, provided that no visitor should be permitted to vote, nor to speak, without permission first had.

The second, an amendment to Section 3, By-Laws, provided that no brother should be eligible to the offices of Grand or Deputy Grand Master, unless he had passed the chair in a regular Lodge, "unless in case of emergency."

The third amended Section 12 by providing that an expelled Mason could not be restored except by the Grand Lodge, and that such restoration did not restore him to membership, without the unanimous consent of the brethren of the Lodge affected.

The fourth was to strike out Sections 14 and 15. Section 14 provided that upon the demise of a Lodge, its books, papers, jewels, etc., were to be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. Section 15 conferred jurisdiction in matters of discipline over all non-affiliated Masons, within the territorial limits of the Lodge.

Number five related to amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, and embodied much the same law that now exists.

The sixth provided for the appointment by the Grand Master of a Committee on Returns and Work of Lodges, to consist of three members; a Committee on Petitions and Grievances; a Committee on Finance and Accounts, to consist of three members each; and a Committee to Examine Visitors, to consist of two members.

Amendments to the Constitution, providing for the election of officers on the 2nd day of the Annual Communication, giving to each Lodge "one vote collectively from its representation, agreed on amongst themselves," the Grand, Deputy Grand Masters, one vote each, and Past Grand Masters and Past Masters, one vote collectively, and adding to the list of officers, "Grand Orator," were introduced. All these, as well as a motion to strike the word "Jacksonville" from the by-laws and in-

* Crockett. † F. G. Johnston.

sert "Springfield," were laid over until the next communication of the Grand Lodge. But to resume :

"The committee upon Returns, upon leave given, made the following report :

"The Committee upon Returns beg leave to report: That they have examined the proceedings of Lodges Nos. 1, 3, 4, and 6, and find them correct, and dues paid. Lodges No. 2 and 5 are not represented at this communication, and have not sent any returns. Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to correspond and ascertain why they have failed to be represented at this communication, and have sent no returns.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"M. HELM,
J. ADAMS,
JNO. GREGORY.'

"The Committee upon Petitions and Grievances made the following report :

"The Committee on Petitions and Grievances beg leave to submit that they have had under consideration the petition of sundry Masons at Peoria, for a dispensation to work, and find that they have not complied with the sixth section of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge. They would therefore beg leave to recommend said petition to the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to grant them a dispensation whenever the 8th section of the By-laws shall be complied with.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"A. DUNLAP,
H. DILLS.'

"On motion, the above suggestion was adopted by the Grand Lodge, and Bro. D. G. Master directed so to inform the petitioners.

"The committee on Finance made the following report, to-wit :

"The undersigned, one of the Committee on Finance, begs leave to report that he has examined the account of the Grand Secretary, and finds it correct, and supported by the proper vouchers.

"C. LUDLUM.'

"All but Past Masters having retired, a convocation of Past Masters was declared.

"The M. W. Abraham Jonas, Grand Master elect, was introduced, and installed according to ancient form and usage. Also, R. W. James Adams, as D. Grand Master elect, was introduced and installed. The Convocation of Past Masters was dissolved, and the Grand Lodge stood open in the Master's degree, when Alexander Dunlap, G. S. W.; H. Dills, G. J. W.; W. B. Warren, Gr. Sec.; P. Coffman, G. Treas.; M. Helm, G. S. D.; S. W. Lucas, G. M.; C. Ludlum, G. T.—officers elect—were installed and

received their respective jewels, when the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens received the congratulations of the brethren.

"On motion, brother Grand Secretary was directed to have the proceedings of this communication printed and distributed.

"ABRAHAM JONAS,
Grand Master.

"W. B. WARREN,
Grand Secretary."

The whole membership reported to the Grand Lodge was *ninety-seven*. Add to this thirty for Equality and Far West Lodges, not returned, and the total number owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in 1840, was *one hundred and twenty-seven*. Bodley Lodge numbered thirty-two. Their names we here give: H. Dills, Hiram Rogers, Thaddeus Monroe, J. H. Luce, Andrew Miller, John Crockett, Jos. Hedges, Michael Most, Jos. Ralston, J. W. Whitney, J. H. Holton, Rev. C. L. Daubert, Charles Brown, David Whipple, Enoch Conyers, James Murphy, Richard M. Young, Edward Turner, H. L. Simmons, John Woolf, E. M. Davis, Henry F. Maire, Henry T. Thompson, Christian F. Ruoff, F. G. Johnston, Thomas Jasper, Thomas C. King, Damon Hauser, Thomas Carter, J. Greenwell, Jno. Wood, and Samuel Jonas.

Harmony Lodge numbered 21, as follows: Alexander Dunlap, S. W. Lucas, John Gregory, A. V. Putnam, C. Ludlum, P. Coffman, W. B. Warren, A. C. Dixon, George Henry, George Hackett, Richard Henry, James T. Holmes, John T. Jones, Dennis Rockwell, James A. McDougall, Clark Roberts, Francis Robinson, William S. Vance, Mathew Stacy, John T. Sigler, and Josiah M. Lucas.

Springfield No. 4 numbered 29, viz.: M. Helm, Alexander Lindsey, James Adams, L. S. Cornwell, M. Doyle, M. J. Kelly, J. S. Killaly, James Maxey, James R. Gray, Philo Beers, B. C. Webster, W. Cudmore, Sam'l. L. Hesser, Joseph Firey, Isaac R. Braucher, Wm. Harvey, Francis Springer, Stephen A. Douglas, James Zwisler, Alexander Shields, James F. Reed, J. Wickersham, John Uhler, James Briggs, John S. Roberts, L. B. Adams, F. A. McNeill, James Shepherd, Henry Carrigan.

Columbus Lodge returned 14 members, as follows: Abraham Jonas, Daniel Harrison, J. G. Driskill, A. Tousalin, W. D. McCann, James Magorian, A. J. Short, G. W. Thompson, James S. Logan, Moses S. Hudnal, W. H. Chapman, Cyrus N. Williams, William Bayne, David P. McNeal.

BODLEY LODGE NO. 97.

The following members were added to this Lodge during 1840: Thomas Jasper, Jan. 4; James Hedges and Damon Hauser, Jan. 14; Samuel

Jonas and C. F. Ruoff, Feb. 3; T. C. King, Mar. 16; Jacob Gruell, July 13; C. L. Daubert, Sept. 7; John Steinagle, Oct. 5; William Coyne, Oct. 19; Joshua B. Ijahms, Nov. 2. Brothers Jonas, Daubert, and Steinagle were affiliated—the rest raised. McClain, Asbury, and Murphy were demitted, and H. F. Thompson and J. W. Whitney suspended; the latter, however, being soon after re-instated.

April 20, Brother Rogers made report of the organization of the Grand Lodge.

June 24, semi-annual election. Bro. Dills (having been summoned to attend the meeting), was elected W. M.; Hiram Rogers, S. W.; T. Monroe, J. W.; A. Miller, Treas.; J. H. Luce, Sec'y.

July 6, the committee of finance reported that there was in the hands of the treasurer, in *notes*, \$83.65; due on account, \$84.18; that "the Lodge owes about \$63.25; in the treasurer's hands," *ninety-three cents*. The elected officers were duly installed.

July 13, the following committees (standing) were appointed: "On Grievances, Ralston, Monroe, Johnston; on Accounts, Jonas, Rogers, Thompson, and King; on Charity, Dills, Luce, Jasper, and Miller; on Inquiry, Holton, Crockett, Conyers, and Hedges." Bro. C. L. Daubert was appointed a delegate to attend "the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for 1840." John Crockett and John Steinagle appointed Deacons; H. F. Maire, Tyler.

Sept. 7, the W. M. and Wardens were appointed delegates to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, to be held in October.

October 12, Bro. Dills made his report of the doings of the Grand Lodge, and on Nov. 2 the charter granted by the Grand Lodge of Illinois was accepted, and the Secretary directed to inform the Grand Lodge of Kentucky of the fact. This brings us under the necessity of changing our title from Bodley Lodge No. 97, to

BODLEY LODGE NO. 1.

December 7th, the Lodge resolved to celebrate St. John's Day, and "every brother was requested to bring with him a lady."

December 27th, 9 o'clock A. M., the following officers were elected: J. H. Holton, W. M.; J. N. Ralston, S. W.; John Crockett, J. W.; T. Monroe, Treasurer; and William Coyne, Secretary. The officers were then publicly installed by Grand Master Jonas, who also delivered an oration, whereupon "the procession was then re-formed, with the ladies of the brethren in front, and having conducted them to the hotel, they partook of the refreshments provided."

EQUALITY LODGE NO. 102.

But two brethren were raised by this Lodge in the year 1840, viz.: William Forrester, March 4; and John R. Smoote, March 7.

In the record of March 4, we find the following entry: "After some alarm at the door for the first time, by Cowans, the Lodge was closed."

June 6, the following article of the by-laws was enforced, as to a brother who had been guilty of profanity: "The Master shall publicly reprimand any of the brethren who shall commit any irregularity or indecorum in open Lodge. But as drunkenness and profanity are atrocious and intolerable, whoever shall dare violate the congregation of the brethren in either of these ways, shall, by order of the W. M., be led out of the room, and not permitted to enter without making proper concession to the Lodge." The brother thus punished was at the time Junior Warden.

June 17, the Lodge resolved to celebrate St. John's Day, and ordered the fact published in the "Western Review, and Gallatin Republican."

June 24, the following officers were elected: A. W. Pool, W. M.; James W. Hamilton, S. W.; R. T. Hopper, J. W.; S. Holt, Secretary; William Siddall, Treasurer; J. E. Watkins and J. R. Smoote, Deacons; Beverly R. Young, Tyler. After an oration by Bro. Edmund Jones, the day was celebrated by a dinner at the house of Bro. Hopper.

August 5, Bro. Willis Stewart, of Louisville, was appointed to represent the Lodge in the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

December —, the Lodge elected officers. The W. M., S. W., Treasurer, S. D., and Tyler, were re-elected. Thos. H. Leavell was elected J. W.; R. T. Hopper, Sec'y; John M. Burnett, J. D.

HARMONY LODGE NO. 3.

We have no records of this Lodge for 1840.

SPRINGFIELD LODGE NO. 26.

The members added to this Lodge by raising during 1840, are as follows: James Briggs, Feb. 13; J. F. Reed, March 12; Alexander Shields, April 22; Lucien B. Adams, May 1; Francis Springer, May 13; Stephen A. Douglas and Francis A. McNiell, June 26; James Shepherd and Henry Carrigan, June 29; John B. Broadwell, Dec. 7; William T. Pride and William Mitchell, Dec. 21; Daniel Turney, Dec. 23.

Feb. 13, the silver cup ordered for Bro. James Adams was presented.

Feb. 26, Bro. Alexander Shields asked leave to demit, and on March 12 it was decided that as he was "an Entered Apprentice only, his request was out of order."

April 22, the petition of Stephen A. Douglas was presented, and referred to Breth. Doyle, Harvey, and Roberts.

May 1, the delegates to the convention which organized the Grand Lodge reported as follows:

"The committee appointed to attend the convocation to be held at Jacksonville on the first Monday in the month of April, 1840, for the purpose of organizing a Grand Lodge in and for the State of Illinois, respectfully report that they attended at Jacksonville at the time aforesaid, and then and there acted in the said convocation, with the delegates from the respective Lodges there represented, and then and there, in conjunction with the said Lodges, made a constitution and by-laws for the government of the Grand Lodge, and proceeded to an election of the officers for the regular Masonic organization of a Grand Lodge, the location of which to be at Jacksonville, Illinois.

(Signed)

"J. ADAMS,
J. R. GRAY,
J. S. KILLALEY." } *Delegates."*

On May 4, the charter granted by the Grand Lodge of Illinois was received and accepted, consequently we will hereafter designate this Lodge as

SPRINGFIELD LODGE NO. 4.

June 11th, Stephen A. Douglas was initiated, and on June 24th passed. July 15th, the following action was had :

"It appearing that Thomas M. Neale is a brother Mason, and now lying very ill, and although he is not a member of this Lodge, yet it appearing that his family is in want of some necessaries, it is ordered that the committee of Charity be authorized to appropriate the sum of \$20 for the use of the family, at the discretion of said committee."

September 7th, Bro. Killalee offered the following preamble and resolution, which were laid over until the next meeting :

"WHEREAS, At a meeting of delegates from various Lodges of this State, held at Jacksonville in December last, to consider and decide upon the propriety and expediency of forming a Grand Lodge for the State of Illinois, and to adopt such preliminary measures as might be deemed necessary towards the organization of a Grand Lodge, it was unanimously agreed that the permanent location of said Grand Lodge should be determined by a majority of the subordinate Lodges in this State, *each Lodge having one vote*; and

"WHEREAS, At the subsequent meeting of delegates in April last, which constituted the present Grand Lodge, its location was decided upon in a manner different from that agreed upon at the preliminary meeting aforesaid, and giving to some Lodges an undue preponderance over others in said decision; and

"WHEREAS, This Lodge believes that the only fair and equitable mode of settling that question, involving the convenience and interest of all the subordinate Lodges, and of each equally, is by the vote of the said Lodges, *as such, each Lodge having one vote*; and

"WHEREAS, This Lodge will never be satisfied with, or silently acquiesce in the decision of said question, not procured in this or some similar way; therefore,

"Resolved, That this Lodge does hereby protest against the decision aforesaid, and instructs its delegates to the approaching annual communication to have said decision annulled, and the question of the permanent location of the Grand Lodge determined by a majority of the votes of all the subordinate Lodges, or in some other mode equally calculated to secure to each Lodge its due share of influence."

September 15th, the above preamble and resolution were passed, and the Secretary directed to write to the Lodges at Hillsboro and Vandalia,

and request them to withdraw from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and unite with the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

December 21st, "Bro. William Mitchell, of Peoria," made application for the second and third degrees. Bro. Mitchell was afterwards Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

December 28th, officers as follows were elected: Meredith Helm, W. M.; Love S. Cornwell, S. W.; Stephen A. Douglas, J. W.; Maurice Doyle, Treasurer; Francis A. McNeill, Secretary; Francis Springer, Chaplain; S. L. Hesser, Tyler. Breth. Zwisler and L. B. Adams were appointed Deacons, and Bro. Harvey Master of Ceremonies. The officers being installed, the Lodge was closed.

The visitors to Springfield Lodge during this year were numerous. Among them were William Hodge, of Temperance Lodge; Hart Fellows, of Carrollton; Wm. S. Vance, No. 3 (J. G. W.); D. McMurphy, A. V. Putnam, and A. C. Dickson, of Harmony Lodge; John Bennett (now W. M. No. 19 at Petersburg); John Logan, John S. Bradford (now a member of No. 333); John Turney, formerly of Eden Lodge No. 11; Wm. J. Gatewood, of Equality Lodge; Harry Wilton, of Mt. Moriah Lodge; William Stadden, John T. Jones, of Harmony Lodge; J. A. McDougall and R. J. Hamilton, the latter formerly of Union Lodge No. 10.

TEMPERANCE LODGE No. 27.

The members added by raising to this Lodge, during this year, are as follows: J. C. Wheeler, Jan. 13; A. S. Thompson, Feb. 10; Zophar Case, Feb. 19; Q. C. Alexander, March 8; E. A. Haden, March 30; Josiah T. Bradley, April 13; Henry Scott, April 24; Jeremiah Abbott, April 29; Henry H. Neely, Dec. 3. June 24, St. John's Day was duly celebrated at the "Inn" of Bro. Greenup, thirty-six bréthren being present. July 13, the following officers elected June 15 were installed: Asahel Lee, W. M.; H. C. Remann, S. W.; D. B. Hodge, J. W.; Alvin Washburn, Treasurer; William Hodge, Secretary; A. Bourland and A. S. Thompson, Deacons; Jeremiah Abbott, Tyler. September 8, Bro. J. M. Peery was buried with Masonic honors. September 14, the Lodge at Carlyle was recommended. December 18, the following officers were elected: John D. Gorin, W. M.; H. C. Remann, S. W.; William Hodge, J. W.; Q. C. Alexander, Secretary; Thos. H. Kirkman, Treasurer; A. S. Thompson and A. Bourland, Deacons; Moses Phillips, Tyler.

FAR WEST LODGE NO. 29.

The raisings by this Lodge we can give only from October, as the records from September 27th, 1839, to that time, are not in our possession.

Francis J. Dunn was raised October 21st, which was all the work done by the Lodge in 1840, that we have any knowledge of.

COLUMBUS LODGE U. D.

The following were raised by this Lodge during this year: A. J. Short, Jan. 7th; C. N. Williams, May 25th; William Bayne, June 24th; D. P. McNeall, Dec. 28th. April 3d, W. D. McCann was appointed a delegate to the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Dec. 28th, the following officers were elected: Lytle Griffing, W. M.; W. D. McCann, S. W.; J. S. Logan, J. W.; A. Tousalin, Secretary; G. W. Thompson, Treasurer; M. L. Hudsonall and C. N. Williams, Deacons; Wm. Bayne and D. P. McNeall, Stewards; A. J. Short, Tyler.

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE U. D.

This Lodge still remained under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, having sent no delegate to the convention for forming the Grand Lodge, nor, as far as the records of the Lodge show, taken any notice of such convention, or the Grand Lodge which was organized thereby.

The raisings reported by this Lodge during 1840, we here present: J. B. Collins, March 4; C. J. Richeson and Ira Boone, April 1; D. D. Shumway, Sept. 2; B. Kelly, Sept. 20; C. B. Hartwell, Nov. 4. January 18, the lodge allowed sundry bills, and ordered the W. M. to send to St. Louis for a "box of candles, if there is sufficient funds in the treasury to pay for the same." The Lodge at this meeting resolved to build a hall, "over the shop of the W. M." Bro. H. P. Gay was elected Secretary for the remainder of the term for which Bro. Stinson was appointed. August 5, Robert Crow was affiliated. Oct. 3, the M. W. was appointed "representative to the Grand Lodge in the State of Missouri, at St. Louis." Nov. 4, the charter was received, and on the same day the Lodge constituted as No. 33. The hall which the Lodge had ordered built was evidently so built, as at the meeting of December 2 the Lodge was not opened, owing to the inclemency of the weather and the unfinished condition of the hall.

CLINTON LODGE U. D.

Oct. 10—A dispensation authorizing Zophar Case, Joshua T. Bradley, Edmund A. Haden, Henry Scott, Franklin Hervey, M. McLaughlin, Wm. Kelly, H. Wilton, Oliver Dunn, W. C. White, and Thomas Whitton, to open and hold a Lodge in the town of Carlyle, was granted by M. W. P. H. McBride, Grand Master of Missouri. This Lodge was not organized until January 20, 1841.

FRANKLIN LODGE.

This Lodge did no work during this year.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE.

The record of the first meeting of this Lodge we here present:

"At a meeting of Ancient York Masons, held in the town of Dixon, on 6th November, A. D. 1840, A. L. 5840, the following brethren were present, viz.: Samuel Johnston, Thomas Dexter, John Van Arnam, Isaac Robinson, M. P. Kerr, Jacob Whipple, Henry Brewer, W. A. Merritt, and G. A. Martin.

"The dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was received and read, authorizing this Lodge to work under the name of Friendship.

"The following officers were appointed in said dispensation: Bro. Samuel Johnston, W. M.; E. G. Nichols, Senior, and Wm. A. Merritt, Junior Wardens.

"The Lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the following brethren were duly elected and proclaimed accordingly, viz.: G. A. Martin, Sec.; John Van Arnam, Tr.; M. P. Kerr, S. D.; Alvin Humphry, J. D.; Isaac Robinson, Tyler.

"Bro. Samuel Johnston, W. M. elect, was then introduced, and installed according to ancient form and usage. Breth. Wm. A. Merritt, J. W.; G. A. Martin, Sec.; John Van Arnam, Tr.; M. P. Kerr, S. D.; and Isaac Robinson, Tyler, were installed. Breth. E. G. Nichols, S. W.; and Alvin Humphry, J. D., were not present. Breth. M. P. Kerr, S. W., *pro tem.*; H. Brewer, S. D., *pro tem.*; and J. Whipple, J. D., *pro tem.*

"The Entered Apprentice's Lodge was then opened, and entered upon business.

"Bro. Samuel Johnston offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare a code of by-laws for Friendship Lodge, with instructions to report at the next regular meeting the result of their labor.

"Whereupon, Breth. Robinson, Van Arnam, and Martin were appointed said committee.

"Bro. Van Arnam offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the regular communication of Friendship Lodge shall be holden on Thursday on or the next preceding every full moon, in the town of Dixon, at the hour of 1 o'clock P. M.

"Bro. Samuel Johnston offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That if any of the members of this Lodge choose to advance (or loan) money for the purpose of buying indispensable materials, said money shall be returned to the creditor the first received (if required).

"Whereupon, Breth. John Van Arnam advanced \$5, Isaac Robinson, \$2, which was paid over to the Treasurer forthwith.

"There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, according to ancient form and usage, until the next regular communication.

"G. A. MARTIN, *Secretary*."

This Lodge held but one other meeting during the year, at which by-laws were adopted.

OTTAWA LODGE.

The following information regarding this Lodge we obtained from Bro. McCorkle, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Kentucky :

"Ottawa Lodge No. 114, at Ottawa, Illinois, dispensation granted December 19, 1839, George Breckenridge being G. Master, Swigert, G. Secretary. Chartered September, 1840, Abner Cunningham being G. Master, Swigert, G. Secretary. John R. Hall was the first Master. It was authorized to unite with the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in September, 1841."

The records of this Lodge for 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, and 1844, we are informed by R. W. Bro. Easton, can not be found.

CHAPTER XIV.

1841.

GRAND LODGE.

The Grand Lodge met at Jacksonville, Monday, October 4.

The following grand officers were present: M. W. Abraham Jonas, Grand Master; Alexander Dunlap, Senior Grand Warden; Harrison Dills, Junior Grand Warden; W. D. McCann, Dep. Grand Secretary; P. Coffman, Grand Treasurer; Meredith Helm, Grand Senior Deacon; John Crockett, Junior Grand Deacon; A. V. Putnam, Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*; John Gregory, Grand Pursuivant; M. J. Kelly, Grand Sword Bearer, *pro tem.*; A. C. Dixon, Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

Five Lodges were represented, as follows: Bodley, No. 1, by Harrison Dills and John Crockett; Harmony, No. 3, by John Gregory, Mat. Stacy, and G. Hackett; Springfield, No. 4, by M. Helm and P. J. Shepherd; Columbus, No. 6, by W. D. McCann; and Macon U. D., at Decatur, by Geo. A. Patterson. Equality and Far West Lodges were not represented.

The following visiting brethren were present: Henry Carrigan, Z. P. Cabiniss, Chas. W. Chatterton, Sam'l Matlack, L. B. Adams, M. Lindsay, Samuel L. Hesser, A. Y. Ellis, Harrison A. Hough, M. J. Kelly, and Maurice Doyle, of Springfield Lodge No. 4; Chapin Allen and George Hackett, of Harmony, No. 3; and V. B. Holmes, of Randolph Lodge, Tennessee.

Petitions for dispensations for Lodges at Joliet, Chicago, and Dixon, were referred, also the returns and work of Macon Lodge U. D.

The following committees were appointed:

"On Returns and Work of Lodges, Breth. Dills, Shepherd, and Stacy.

"On Petitions and Grievances, Breth. Helm, Crockett, and Hackett.

"On Finances and Accounts, Breth. Dunlap, Doyle, and Dickson.

"To Examine Visiting Brethren, Breth. Gregory and Patterson."

The Grand Secretary was authorized to have the Constitution reprinted, and three copies sent to each Lodge.

The committee appointed to inform Bro. Stephen A. Douglas of his election as Grand Orator, reported that owing to the inability of that brother to be present and perform the work assigned him, they had selected Bro. James A. McDougall, who had signified his acceptance of the post.

Bro. Helm having moved an amendment to the By-Laws giving the Grand Wardens one vote, collectively; and to strike out the word "Jacksonville," and insert "Springfield," and full power given the Grand Marshal to arrange for a procession when the officers were installed. The Grand Lodge was called off until Tuesday morning.

On Tuesday, the Grand Lodge again assembled. Present as on the day previous.

The Committee on Returns and work of Lodges made the following report:

"The Committee upon Returns and Work, beg leave to make the following report—That they have examined the returns of the following Lodges, viz.:

"Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 6, and find the work and returns of Lodges Nos. 1, 3, and 6 to be correct, and in accordance with the ancient usages of Masonry. The returns of Springfield Lodge No. 4, the majority of the committee think to be incorrect, in not showing the date of the reception of petitions, for initiation, passing, and raising of candidates, as laid down in the form of returns to be observed by subordinate Lodges. Your committee had before them the records of said Lodge No. 4, and find that the Lodge has, in several instances, received the petition and initiated the candidate on the same evening, and also have passed and raised candidates at the same sitting of the Lodge—which course of work the majority of your committee believe to be in violation of the spirit of Masonry.

"The majority of your committee would further report that they have examined the returns and work of Macon Lodge, and report that said Lodge, in receiving petitions and initiation of candidates, and passing and raising of candidates, have fallen into the same error as Springfield Lodge No. 4. Your committee would recommend that said Lodge have its dispensation continued for one year. Your committee would further recommend that Macon Lodge pay to this Grand Lodge the sum of five dollars, agreeably to the By-laws of this Grand Lodge, and also a charity fund of three dollars.

"WESTERN STAR LODGE.—Your committee would further report that, from the returns of this Lodge they have no means whereby to judge of the work of said Lodge; but would recommend that the dispensation of said Lodge be continued for another year by this Grand Lodge.

"Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

"Resolved, 1. That this Grand Lodge instruct all the subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction to not act on any petitions, unless the same has laid over at least one month, or from one stated meeting until the next regular stated meeting of the Lodge.

"2. That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish each Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, with at least two copies of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and also with at least a like number of copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

"3. That no subordinate Lodge ought to receive the petition of any applicant, whose known place of residence is nearer some other Lodge than the Lodge to which the application is made, without the Lodge in his circuit shall recommend his petition.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"H. DILLS,
MAT. STACY, } Committee."

Bro. Shepherd made the following minority report :

"The minority of the committee appointed to examine the returns and work of the subordinate Lodges, beg leave to report that we are under the necessity of differing with a majority of your committee. First, as it regards the work of Springfield Lodge No. 4, and are not prepared to make a difference of opinion as a Lodge (as it regards the receiving of members of which the Lodge should be the judge), a violation of the spirit of Masonry, and therefore beg leave to differ in opinion with the majority of your committee on this point.

"Second, the minority beg leave to differ also with the majority of the committee in their report on the Macon Lodge, and would recommend that they be granted a charter by this Grand Lodge.

"The minority are prepared to agree with the majority of the committee on the other matter in their report.

"All of which is respectfully submitted by

"JAMES SHEPHERD.

"On motion of Bro. Helm,

"The reports were laid upon the table until 2 o'clock."

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the "Rev. Mr. Todd's Church," where Bro. McDougall delivered an oration.

Upon the return of the Grand Lodge, charters were voted to the Lodges at Dixon, Chicago, and Joliet, upon compliance with section six of the Grand Lodge By-Laws.

The following grand officers were then elected: M. W. A. Jonas, of Columbus, G. M.; R. W. M. Helm, of Springfield, D. G. M.; W. A. Dunlap, of Jacksonville, S. G. W.; W. H. Dills, of Quincy, J. G. W.; M. R. F. A. McNeill, of Springfield, G. C.; James Shields, of Springfield, G. O.; W. B. Warren, of Jacksonville, G. Sec.; P. Coffman, of Jacksonville, G. Treas.; G. Hackett, of Jacksonville, G. T., when the Grand Lodge was called off until 2 o'clock P. M., at which time it again met, when the following appointments were announced: John Crockett, of Quincy, S. G. D.; Saml. Matlack, of Springfield, J. G. D.; W. D. McCann, of Columbus, D. G. Sec.; A. C. Dickson, of Jacksonville, G. M.; John Gregory, of

Jacksonville, G. P.; James Magorian, of Columbus, and A. V. Putnam, of Jacksonville, G. Stewards; M. Doyle, of Springfield, G. S. B. The elective officers were then duly installed, the Grand and Deputy Grand Masters being installed in a Lodge of Past Masters, and the remainder in the Master's degree.

The report of the Committee on Returns and Work was then taken up, and the following action had :

"On motion of brother Dills, the report of the Committee on Returns and Work of Lodges was taken up in committee of the whole, Brother J. T. Jones, P. M., in the chair.

"The Grand Lodge having spent some time in committee of the whole, on motion, the committee rose and reported progress.

"The question being on the adoption of the 1st resolution in the report, when Brother Helm offered the following amendment:

"Except in case of emergency, by the unanimous consent of the members present: and when there is no reason to believe that any absent brother has an objection to the candidate; and when each member shall have been previously notified of the application."

"After some discussion, the question on the amendment was rejected.

"And on motion, the resolution was adopted.

"On motion of Brother Dills, the second resolution was adopted.

"The 3d resolution was then taken up. Brother J. T. Jones offered the following substitute, which was read and adopted :

"*Resolved*, That subordinate Lodges be cautious how they act upon petitions of persons residing remote from the place of application: *And provided*, the applicant lives within twenty-five miles of a Lodge, not to entertain said petition without a recommendation from the same.

"Brother Jones offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

"*Resolved*, That from the explanation made by Brother Patterson, that the irregularity in the work of Macon Lodge, referred to by the committee on that subject, be overlooked, and that a charter be granted to said Lodge."

Bro. Dunlap moved to strike out of the By-laws, the words "First Monday in October," and insert "First Monday in August."

The report of the Finance Committee showed that the Grand Secretary had received \$124, which amount had been paid to the Treasurer. After directing the Grand Secretary to communicate with delinquent Lodges, notifying them to be represented at the next annual convention, or their charters would be forfeited, and providing for the publication of rejections, expulsions, etc. The Grand Lodge closed.

Bodley Lodge reported 34 members, Harmony 23, Springfield 39, Columbus 17, Macon U. D. 10.—Total 123.

The Constitution, By-laws, and the oration of Bro. McDougall, are printed with the proceedings of this year.

BODLEY LODGE NO. 1

Raised in 1841 as follows: Henry D. Dills, March 8; J. M. Pitman, March 9. January 4, the Finance Committee reported debts due the Lodge to amount to \$220.99; cash in Treasury, \$8.75; debts due by the Lodge, \$154.49. June 23, officers as follows were elected: J. H. Holton, W. M.; Hiram Rogers, S. W.; J. H. Luce, J. W.; Wm. Coyne, Sec.; T. Monroe, Treas. The following were appointed: J. M. Pitman and Harrison Dills, Deacons; J. Steinagle, Steward and Tyler. At this meeting, "a communication was received from John C. Bennett and others, of the city of Nauvoo, asking this Lodge to recommend to the Grand Lodge of the State, certain individuals whose names were therein contained, to be appointed Master and Wardens of a Lodge to be established at said city; but as those persons were unknown to this Lodge as Masons, it was thought prudent not to do so. The letter was returned to Bro. H. Rogers with instructions how to act upon it." November 8, the Lodge buried, with the honors of Masonry, the remains of Bro. Daniel Whipple. December 6, a petition for a Lodge at Warsaw was presented, and the Secretary directed to correspond with the petitioners, and directing "one petitioner to examine the rest and report to the Lodge;" and on December 20, the petition of the brethren in and about Warsaw was recommended. Officers, as follows, were elected on December 27: Hiram Rogers, W. M.; J. H. Holton, S. W.; J. N. Ralston, J. W.; T. Monroe, Treasurer; William Coyne, Secretary; Pitman and Davis, Deacons; J. Hedges, S. and Tyler.

EQUALITY LODGE NO. 102.

This Lodge did no work during this year.

At the meeting of April 3, Brethren Wm. J. Gatewood, Jos. E. Watkins, and Edmund Jones were appointed "a committee to correspond with the Grand Lodge of Kentucky." What the object of this correspondence was is not stated, but we presume it was in relation to severing the connection of the Lodge with that Grand Lodge, in order to unite with the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

June 24, the following brethren were elected officers: Wm. J. Gatewood, W. M.; A. W. Pool, S. W.; J. E. Watkins, J. W.; Wm. Siddall, Sec.; John R. Smoote, Treas.; J. W. Hamilton and R. T. Hopper, Deacons; Beverly R. Young, Tyler.

June 28, the petition of sundry brethren at Shawneetown for a new Lodge was recommended.

November 12, the remains of "Bro. Thomas Holland Leavell, aged 43 years," were interred with the solemn funeral service of the Fraternity.

SPRINGFIELD LODGE NO. 4.

The raisings reported by this Lodge during this year are as follows: James Shields, Jan. 4; W. B. Egan, Jan. 25; Braxton Parrish, Jan. 27; Willis Allen and J. M. Kelly, Feb. 3; J. Steinfeld, Feb. 4; Morris Lindsay and John Dougherty, Feb. 15; S. H. Treat and Stephen G. Hicks, Feb. 17; Joseph W. Ormsbee, A. Y. Ellis, and Michael Glynn, Feb. 24; George R. Webber, March 1; Z. P. Cabanis, April 19; Ebenezer Stout, June 7; Charles W. Chatterton, Aug. 2; Augustus Hays, Sept. 15.

Feb. 22 was observed as follows:

"Monday, Feb. 22, the Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

"Members present: M. Helm, W. M.; L. S. Cornwell, S. W.; S. A. Douglas, J. W.; M. Doyle, Treasurer; F. A. McNeill, Secretary; Jas. Zwisler, S. D.; L. B. Adams, J. D.; L. S. Hesser, Tyler; the members of the Lodge generally, and many visiting, all properly accredited.

"A Master Mason's Lodge was opened in due form. The Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 4 o'clock P. M. In the meantime a procession was formed, agreeably to previous arrangements, of all the brethren present, who repaired in Masonic order to the State House, where they listened to an excellent Masonic address by Bro. Woodson, of the House of Representatives, after which the brethren formed again in procession and marched to the Globe Inn, where they partook of an excellent dinner provided for the occasion. The procession being again re-formed, returned to the Lodge, where, at the appointed hour, the Craft were again called from refreshment to labor. No further business appearing for the benefit of Masonry, the Lodge was then adjourned till to-morrow evening at the usual hour."

At the meeting of Feb. 23, Bro. Woodson was requested to furnish his oration for publication.

April 19, Bro. S. A. Douglas resigned his station as Junior Warden, and Bro. James Shepherd was chosen to fill the vacancy. At this meeting Bro. Helm offered the following resolution, which, on his motion, was laid on the table until the next meeting of the Lodge:

"WHEREAS, In the judgment of this Lodge, circumstances which are incompatible with the peace, harmony, and well-being of the Lodge, and which are otherwise incurable; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That Springfield Lodge No. 4 be and it is hereby dissolved, and that it cease to exist, work, or act in any manner or form from and after the close of the present meeting.

"Resolved, 2d. That the Secretary be directed to return to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge our charter, together with a copy of the foregoing resolutions, signed by the Master, and countersigned by the Secretary."

April 22, the question on the adoption of Bro. Helm's resolution came up, when the following action was had:

"Bro. J. Adams moved an amendment to the above resolution, viz.: That the resolutions be laid on the table until the next regular meeting, which was accepted by the original mover. The resolution was negatived.

"Moved, that the preamble and resolutions be laid on the table for the present. Carried.

"Moved, that if the brethren, members of this Lodge who are willing to withdraw and form a new Lodge, shall do so, this Lodge hereby agrees to recommend the petition of said brethren for a dispensation, and to pay them seventy-five dollars out of the funds of this Lodge to assist them in the formation of their new Lodge.

"The following amendment was proposed, to-wit: 'The said seventy-five dollars to be paid at the regular meeting of this Lodge in the month of June next.'

"The question was put upon the passage of the amendment. Carried.

"The question was put upon the passage of the resolution as amended. Carried."

On April 26, the following action was had:

"Bros. Alexander Lindsay, Morris Ltndsay, Alexander Shields, J. R. Braucher, George R. Webber, L. B. Adams, and W. T. Pride asked leave to withdraw as members of this Lodge, which was granted.

"A petition to the Grand Master for a dispensation to form a new Lodge, signed by the above brethren, was then presented for a recommendation by this Lodge. On motion,

"*Resolved*, That this Lodge recommend said petition to the favorable consideration of the Grand Master.

"*Resolved*, That so much of the first section of the 9th Art. of the by-laws as requires members withdrawing from the Lodge to pay dues for the quarter current, be suspended, and that they, the brethren who have withdrawn to-night, be remitted their dues for the present quarter. Passed unanimously.

"Whereupon the Deputy Grand Master addressed the Lodge, and after having given the Lodge various wholesome advice, concluded by assuring them that in future he would refrain altogether from taking part in the ordinary business of the Lodge."

The dispensation thus recommended, was not granted.

June 24th, Bro Helm resigned his station as W. M., whereupon Bro. Love S. Cornwell was elected to fill the vacancy.

June 28th, a petition for a new Lodge at Decatur, signed by Breth. Leonard Ashton, George A. Patterson, William LaForge, Elijah League, Henry Prather, Joseph King, and James Ashton, was recommended. At this meeting the following was passed:

"Bro James Shields presented the following preamble and resolution, which on motion were unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, Dr. M. Helm, late Master of this Lodge, has felt it his duty to resign the office which he so long exercised with distinguished ability and universal satisfaction; and

"WHEREAS, It is just, proper, and Masonic that genuine merit should always be appreciated and openly approbated by the enlightened brotherhood of Freemasons; therefore

"*Resolved*, That the brethren of this Lodge unanimously tender to Dr. M. Helm, our late Worshipful Master, thereof, their sincere and grateful thanks, for the able, efficient, and satisfactory manner in which he discharged his trust while acting as Master, and for his disinterested, untiring, and successful efforts in the cause of Freemasonry."

Sept. 27th, Bro Cornwell resigned as W. M., and Bro. Helm was elected to fill the vacancy. Dec. 27th, the following officers were elected: James Shepherd, W. M.; William Harvey, S. W.; James Zwisler, J. W.; Edward Jones, Sec.; M. Doyle, Treas.; F. Springer, Chaplain; James Maxcy, Tyler; and the following were appointed: Samuel Matlack, M. of C.; George R. Weber and John Uhler, Deacons.

FAR WEST LODGE NO. 29

Raised as follows, during this year: Joseph Doplar, Dec. 4th.; J. Stewart, Dec. 27th. The following officers were elected at the last named meeting: Charles Gear, W. M.; John Turney, S. W.; John McNulty, J. W.; Daniel Wann, Treasurer; James Rice, Secretary; R. Pattison and M. Faucet, Deacons; J. Stewart and J. Doplar, Stewards; Joseph Dunlap, Tyler.

COLUMBUS LODGE NO. 6.

We have no information regarding this Lodge during the year.

TEMPERANCE LODGE NO. 27

Raised as follows: C. N. Halstead, May 10th; Alex. H. Barnes, Dec. 13th. May 7th, the Lodge buried, with the forms of our ritual, all that remained of Bro. A. Bourland, Junior Deacon of the Lodge at the time. August 9th, the officers that should have been elected June 24th, previous, were elected "to serve from the 24th June last," as follows: N. M. McCurdy, W. M.; D. B. Hodge, S. W.; A. S. Thompson, J. W.; T. C. Kirkman, Treas.; Q. C. Alexander, Secy.; H. C. Remann and Wm. Hodge, Deacons; Moses Philips, Tyler.

Dec. 13, the Lodge again elected officers, with the following result: D. B. Hodge, W. M.; H. C. Remann, S. W.; W. T. Hopkins, J. W.; J. D. Gorin, Treas.; Q. C. Alexander, Sec.; N. M. McCurdy and Wm. Hodge, Deacons; Moses Phillips, Tyler.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE U. D.

Raised during 1841 the following: Horace Preston, James Campbell, James McKinney, June 17; T. H. March, June 23; Smith Gilbraith,

Richard Loveland, A. Morehouse, July 31; D. B. McKinney, Stephen Fuller, August 29.

May 28, eight dollars was appropriated as balance due the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for the dispensation. June 3, the following officers were elected: Samuel Johnston, W. M.; G. A. Martin, S. W.; W. A. Merritt, J. W.; John Van Arnam, Treasurer; Isaac Robinson, Tyler. The Lodge at this meeting resolved to celebrate St. John's Day. June 17, the committee of arrangements for St. John's Day reported that they had procured the upper room of the Court House, for the purpose of having an oration delivered by Bro. J. B. Crist, of Oregon. James Campbell and James McKinney were appointed Deacons. June 23, the Lodge resolved to apply to the Grand Lodge of Illinois for a charter. June 24, the day was celebrated, and the officers installed by Bro. Wm. J. Mix, of Oregon, when an oration was delivered by Bro. J. B. Crist, also of Oregon. August 29, the committee appointed to draw up a petition to the Grand Lodge of Illinois for a charter, reported, and the petition drawn by them was approved; whereupon, the Lodge was closed until the charter was received.

MACON LODGE U. D.

The record of the first meeting of this Lodge we here present, remarking that the dispensation (which is recorded in full) is omitted, being in the usual form of such documents:

" FIRST COMMUNICATION OF MACON LODGE.

"The Lodge met pursuant to previous notice and appointment, at their hall in Decatur, on the 17th day of July, A. L. 5841, A. D. 1841.

"Present: G. A. Patterson, W. M.; Joseph King, S. W.; Wm. Laforge, J. W.; Henry Prather, Sec. and T., *p. t.*; Elijah League, S. D., *p. t.*; Leonard Ashton, J. D., *p. t.*; James Ashton, S. and T., *p. t.*

"The Lodge was called to order by the W. M., and proceeded to business in due and ancient form by opening on the Master's degree.

"Bro. Henry Prather presented a code of by-laws for the regulation of this Lodge, which being read, on motion of Bro. L. Ashton, the same was unanimously adopted as the by-laws of this Lodge.

"On motion of Bro. King, the blank in the dispensation was filled by inserting the word 'Macon,' by which the dispensation now reads 'Macon Lodge.'

"On motion of Bro. King, the name of 'Elijah Laforge' in the dispensation, which was so written by mistake, was altered so as to read 'Elijah League.'

"On motion of Bro. King, the name of Henry Prather, one of the petitioners for the dispensation, which was omitted in the dispensation by mistake, was inserted.

"On motion of Bro. King, the dispensation, as amended, was ordered to be spread upon the records as part of the records of the Lodge.

"Bro. Prather presented the petition of W. W. Oglesby, praying for the benefits of Masonry, recommended by James Ashton and vouched for by Jos. King; whereupon, the W. M. appointed Breth. H. Prather and L. Ashton a committee on said petition.

"On motion of Bro. L. Ashton, that section of the by-laws requiring a petition to lie over for one month was dispensed with, and the committee on the petition of W. W. Oglesby instructed to report forthwith.

"Whereupon, the committee, after consultation, reported favorably. A ballot was then taken, and found clear.

"Bro. Prather then presented the petition of Henry Hummel, praying for the benefits of Masonry, recommended by E. League, and vouched for by H. Prather; whereupon, the W. M. appointed Joseph King and L. Ashton a committee on said petition.

"On motion of L. Ashton, so much of Sec. 1, Art. 5, of the by-laws, as requires a petition to lie over one month for consideration, was dispensed with, and the committee on the petition of H. Hummel instructed to report forthwith. After consultation, the committee reported favorably, whereupon, a ballot was taken on the petition of H. Hummel, and found clear.

"No further business appearing in this degree for the benefit of Masonry, the Lodge closed, and a Lodge of Entered Apprentices was opened in due form.

"W. W. Oglesby and H. Hummel being in waiting, were severally initiated as Entered Apprentice Masons.

"The Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until Monday evening, 19th inst."

This dispensation was granted to Breth. George A. Patterson, Joseph King, William LaForge, Leonard Ashton, James Ashton, Elijah League, and Henry Prather, and was recommended by Springfield Lodge No. 4. Bro. Patterson was named as Master, Joseph King, S. W., and William LaForge, J. W. The dispensation was dated July 1, 1841, and signed by Abraham Jonas, G. M., and attested by W. B. Warren, G. Sec. The following brethren were raised during the year: W. W. Oglesby, July 19; Henry Hummel and Joel S. Post, August 28; Charles H. Pringle, A. S. Williams, and Jerome R. Gorin, Oct. 18; William Bosworth, December 27.

October 20, the charter granted by the Grand Lodge of Illinois was delivered to the Lodge by the W. M., whereupon an election was held which resulted as follows: G. A. Patterson was elected W. M.; Joseph King, S. W.; Henry Prather, J. W.; A. S. Williams, Treas.; J. R. Gorin, Sec.; James Ashton, Steward and Tyler.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, U. D.

We present the record of the first meeting of this Lodge entire :

"August 7th, A. L. 5841.—Under a dispensation granted by the M. W. G. Lodge of Illinois, received and accepted by the petitioners, they assembled at their lodge-room on Saturday, 7th of August, A. L. 5841, proceeded to open and organize a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the style and name of St. John's Lodge.

"Present: Bro. Luther Woodward, W. M.; Bro. Andrew Kirkpatrick, S. W.; Bro. Mathias J. Ross, J. W.; Bro. Asa Holdridge, M. M.; Bro. Samuel Norton, M. M.; Bro. Angus McMillen, E. P.

"A committee was appointed to draft and report a code of By-Laws for the government of this Lodge, consisting of Breth. Woodward, Kirkpatrick, Ross, and Potter.

"Breth. Kirkpatrick and Holdridge were appointed a committee to procure jewels and furniture for this Lodge.

"Lodge adjourned to meet again on Saturday, two weeks from this day, at 4 o'clock P. M."

The Lodge did no work, beyond initiating Stephen W. Pain, during the year.

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE NO. 33.

During the year 1841, this Lodge conferred the Master's degree upon the following brethren . John S. Hillis, Feb. 3.; A. Stotesberry, March 13; Josiah C. McHenry and M. J. Blockburger, April 10; William H. High, April 12; William Wood, Artemus H. Knapp, and McKenzie Turner, May 13; William Shawn, May 22; C. S. Canaday and Daniel Spainhour, May 29; Thomas A. Gray, June 3; Thomas H. Cory and John D. Cline, June 21; A. McMellon, June 22; Horace Mansfield, July 10; Elisha Bass, August 3; John Carriker, August 7; Jeremiah Hart, August 28; Reuben Ross, September 4.

February 22, the Lodge "at the desire of the citizens of Hillsboro and vicinity, joined in the celebration of the birthday of George Washington." June 12, "Dr. William B. Herrick" was elected to receive the degree of Entered Apprentice, and on June 16, he was initiated, and on June 21 was passed.

CLINTON LODGE, U. D.

We present the record of the first meeting of this Lodge, which was held at Carlyle:

"On the evening of January 20th, A. L. 5841, the Lodge was organized.

"Present: J. T. Bradley, W. M.; Zophar Case, S. W.; Henry Scott, J. W.; F. Henry, Oliver Dunn, William Kelly, and Michael McLaughlin.

"Lodge on Entered Apprentice's degree opened. No business in this degree; dispensed with, and Master's Lodge opened instead thereof.

"There not being any Treasurer, Secretary, or Deacons, the Master appointed *p. t.* Bro. M. McLaughlin, Treasurer; W. Kelley, Secretary; McLaughlin, S. D.; O. Dunn, J. D.; Franklin Henry, Tyler. A code of Bye-Laws for the government of this Lodge were introduced by Bro. Bradley, which being read and amended, were adopted for the government of this Lodge. Bro. Scott presented the petition of Mr. W. H. Maddox, for initiation, which was referred to a committee of Bros. Henry, Dunn, and Kelley. Bros. Bradley, Case, Scott, and Henry were appointed a committee to fix a lodge-room. Bros. McLaughlin and Scott, a committee on Furniture. No further business, Lodge was closed. Entered Apprentice's Lodge closed."

This Lodge conferred the third degree upon the following brethren during the year 1841: W. H. H. Barnes and John A. Goudy, Nov. 16: Franklin D. Taylor, Nov. 17.

March 8, the following officers were appointed: Thomas Moon, Treasurer; Harry Wilton, J. Deacon. In the record of this meeting we find the following entry:

"Bro. Dunn departed this life at Thomas Bond's house, on the 18th February, 1841, 5841, of winter fever."

November 16, the Lodge was duly constituted as No. 39, by R. W. Bro. A. T. Douglas, Grand Visitor Grand Lodge of Missouri, and the following officers installed: J. T. Bradley, W. M.; Zophar Case, S. W.; Henry Scott, J. W.; O. H. P. Maxey, Treasurer; C. N. Halstead, Secretary; William Kelley, S. D.; Thomas Melton, J. D.; S. Henry, Tyler.

We present the petition of this Lodge for a charter, with the accompanying letter, in order to show how cautious the brethren of those days were in certain matters, and as a contrast to the speed and celerity with which they made Masons.

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri:

"The petitioners hereof humbly show that they have heretofore obtained from said Grand Lodge a dispensation for a Lodge in this town, and have nominated and appointed for the first Master, Joshua T. Bradley. There being some difference of opinion among the brethren composing our Lodge, whether he could preside in a legal manner without having first taken the degree of Past Master, we therefore pray your Worshipful Lodge to appoint some suitable person as Deputy Grand Master in this region to assemble a Lodge of Past Masters, for the purpose of conferring this degree upon our worthy brother, Joshua T. Bradley, and would nominate our Brother Michael McLaughlin, a Past Master, to your Worshipful Lodge for that purpose, and as in duty, &c., will ever pray.

"ZOPHAR CASE.
HENRY SCOTT.
THOMAS MOON."

"CLINTON LODGE, CARLYLE ILLS., Jan. 9th, 1841.

"CARLYLE, Jan. 9th, 1841.

"R. B. Dallam, Esq.:

"SIR:—The petition on the other page we wish attended to, and will say that we *proceed very cautiously*, and some are of opinion that Mr. Bradley cannot legally preside without having first taken the degree of Past Master. We wish him to take that degree in order to keep peace and harmony. Should you think it not necessary, you will please state the same to us, and if you think it is, we wish, to save trouble, to have some person deputed to assemble a Lodge Past Masters, for that purpose, and will refer you to Mr. Melody, Ezram Owens, and others, some of whom sat in the Chapter with Mr. Laughlin, in either the month of May or June, 1838.

"I am sir, very respectfully yours,

"ZOPHAR CASE."

FRANKLIN LODGE.

We have received from Bro. Gouley, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Missouri, the proceedings of this Lodge for 1837-'38-'40 and 1841, which proceedings were not reported to the Grand Lodge of Missouri until 1841.

We shall here give a synopsis of these proceedings from 1838 to 1831: Jan. 6th, the W. M. communicated to the Lodge the intelligence of the death of Alexander Hart, late W. M. The usual resolutions of sorrow and respect were passed. The petitions of David P. Berry, A. Botkins, Thomas R. Wilson, and W. Steine were received and referred. Bro. S. C. Pierce, S. W., resigned, whereupon Bro. McFarland was elected to fill the vacancy. Feb. 3d, Wilson and Steine, and on Feb. 10th, A. Botkins, were initiated. Feb. 23d, Bro. Richard Rogers, a "strange brother," was buried with the usual solemnities. March 10th, Wilson and Steine passed, and petition of John W. Vance received. March 17th, Bro. Berry was passed. There is no record of his initiation. April 7th, petition of Henry Hohoff received, and John W. Vance initiated. May 12th, Hohoff initiated. Bro. Howard resigned as Master, and S. C. Pierce was elected to fill the vacancy. July 7th, Bro. Berry raised. July 22d, Bro. Longdon was buried with Masonic honors. Nov.—, the following officers were elected: Charles Howard, W. M.; — Wilkinson, S. W.; — Collet, J. W.; S. C. Pierce, Sec.; Jacob C. Bruner, Treas.; — Berry, Tyler.

The Lodge held no meetings in 1839 and 1840. May 29th, 1841, the brethren were summoned to attend a special communication "at the new Court House in the City of Alton," but the meeting was not held. Sept. 1st, the following petition was prepared and forwarded to the Grand Lodge:

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and brethren of the G. L. of Missouri:

"BRETHREN:—The undersigned, the only remaining members of Franklin Lodge No. 22, now residing in Alton, beg leave to make a plain and unvarnished statement of the facts in regard to our Lodge, which is now under the censure of this Grand Lodge:

"We sent a delegate to the Grand Lodge, at its regular communication in October, 1838, with a transcript of our work for the preceding year. Also the amount of our Grand Lodge dues up to that time. That *transcript* was made out by an aged and paralytic (but very worthy) brother, hence its illegibility. The dues, it appears, were not paid. As our work was not received, we presume our delegate thought it best to retain the money.

"We have done no work since Nov., 1838, owing to the death of several of our most efficient members, the removal of others, and the *entire pecuniary prostration of all*. We have nothing left to work upon. Nothing but zeal for the cause, and *love* for the fraternity. And we respectfully ask of the Grand Lodge that they will not hold the few who remain, and who are poor, accountable for the past dues of our Lodge. Brethren, in all frankness and sincerity, we say we are not able to pay you without serious injury to our families.

"We therefore beseech you brethren, by your bowels of—charity to forgive the past."

"We are now ready to go to work again, and under favorable circumstances and trust that hereafter no just cause of complaint will be found against us.

(Signed by)

"CHAS. HOWARD,
ROBERT McFARLAND,
JABEZ CARTER,
J. C. BRUNER,
WILLIAM LOWE, JR.,
JOHN A. MAXEY,
HARVEY S. SUMMERS,
WILLIAM STEIN,
WESLEY NOLAND,
J. W. COLLETT."

"Sept. 1st A. L. 5841, A. D. 1841.

Sept. 3d, A. T. Douglas, Grand Visitor presiding. The petitions of Daniel M. Kittinger, for initiation, and — Dolbee, for affiliation, were received. The Lodge did no further work during the year.

WESTERN STAR LODGE.

The following is the only information we are able to give concerning this Lodge:

"To all and every our Right Worshipful brethren. We the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of Illinois, Abraham Jonas, send greeting:

"Know ye, that we, at the petition of our Right Worshipful and well beloved Brethren R. B. Servant, John W. Gillis, James Roberts, and sundry others, residing at or near the town of Kaskaskia, in our State of Illinois, do hereby constitute the said brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be opened at the aforesaid town of Kaskaskia, by the name of Western Star Lodge, under dispensation. And do further, at the said petition, and of the great trust and confidence reposed in the above named brethren, hereby appoint Brother R. B. Servant, Master; Jno. W. Gillis, S. W., and James Roberts, J. W., for opening the said Lodge, with power to confer the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, until the next grand annual convocation of the

Grand Lodge of Illinois, and no longer. And we do hereby require you, the said R. B. Servant, to take special care that all and every, the said brethren are, or have been regularly made Masons, and that they do perform and observe all the laws, rules, and regulations contained in the book of constitutions. And further, that you do cause a book to be kept, in which from time to time you cause to be entered, an account of your proceedings in the Lodge, together with all the regulations which may be made for the government thereof, a copy of which you are in no wise to omit laying before the Grand Lodge, together with this dispensation, at our next grand annual convocation.

"Given under our hand and seal of Masonry, at Jacksonville, this March 6th, A. D. 1841, A. L. 5841.

"ABRAHAM JONAS, G. M."

"W. B. WARREN, G. S."

"JACKSONVILLE, March 6th, 1841.

"Col. Servant:

"DEAR SIR:—Enclosed I send you a dispensation in accordance with your request. It would have been sent sooner, but from the fact that it had to be recommended by a Lodge, and none of our members being acquainted with you Masonically, it was some time before we could acquire the necessary information. In mailing your letter back and forth it has been mislaid, consequently the names of Brethren S. and J. Wardens, and name of Lodge I have left blank, and must request of you the favor of filling the blanks. Our regulations require the fee for dispensation to accompany the petition, but have on my own responsibility entered yours as paid, and you can remit the amount to me. You will perceive, by a copy of the by-laws which I send you, that the charge is dispensation, \$15,00; Secretary fee, \$2,00; seal, \$2,00.—Total \$19,00.

"Very respectfully yours,

"W. B. WARREN."

CHAPTER XV.

1842.

GRAND LODGE.

The Grand Lodge met at Jacksonville, on Monday, Oct. 3, A. D. 1842, A. L. 5842.

The following grand officers were present: M. W. Abraham Jonas, G. M.; R. W. Meredith Helm, D. G. M.; Alexander Dunlap, S. G. W.; Joseph N. Ralston, J. G. W., *pro tem.*; Wm. B. Warren, G. Secretary; Matthew Stacy, G. Treasurer; J. H. Luce, S. G. D.; J. S. Post, J. G. D.; A. C. Dickson, G. M.; John Gregory, G. P.; George Hackett, G. T.

The following Lodges were represented: No. 1, J. N. Ralston, R. M. Young, J. H. Luce; No. 3, Geo. Hackett, M. Stacy, A. V. Putnam; No. 4, M. Helm; No. 6, A. Jonas; No. 8, Henry Prather, J. S. Post; Rising Sun, U. D., Daniel C. Davis; Rushville, U. D., L. Lusk; Nauvoo, U. D., H. Sherwood, L. N. Scovill.

The Grand Lodge having been opened, and the reading of the proceedings of the last communication dispensed with, the Grand Master appointed committees as follows:

On Returns and Work of Lodges.—Bros. M. Helm, J. N. Ralston, and Henry Prather.

On Finance and Accounts.—Bros. Shepherd, Harvey, and Ludlum.

To Examine Visiting Brethren.—Bros. M. Stacy and W. W. Happy.

The following visiting brethren were present: George Henry, W. W. Happy, James T. Holmes, of Harmony Lodge No. 3; J. B. Broadwell, A. Y. Ellis, Springfield Lodge No. 4; John Daley, Virginia Lodge, U. D.; and Timothy B. Foot, Nauvoo Lodge, U. D.

The Grand Master reported that he had granted dispensations to form new Lodges at Virginia, Cass county; at Vermilionville, LaSalle county; Rushville, Schuyler county; Shawneetown, Gallatin county; Peoria; Nauvoo, Hancock county; and Montrose, Lee county, Iowa Territory.

At the afternoon session, Breth. Zwisler and James Shepherd appeared as representatives of No. 4.

The amendment to the by-laws offered at the last session, giving the Grand Wardens one vote collectively, was taken up and adopted.

The Committee on Returns and Work of Lodges reported that they had examined the returns and work of Rushville Lodge U. D., and found it correct, with the exception of some hastiness in initiations, which being explained by Bro. Lusk, it was ordered that a charter issue to Rushville Lodge No. 9. Whereupon, upon motion of Bro. Warren, Bro. Lusk was invited to take his seat as the representative of that Lodge.

At this juncture the following additional visiting brethren were admitted: H. J. Armstrong, William Harvey, William Lavelly, and J. H. Matheny, all of No. 4.

M. W. Bro. Jonathan Nye, Past Grand Master of Vermont, was received with the grand honors.

Bro. H. J. Armstrong, of Springfield Lodge No. 4, was recognized as the representative of Macon Lodge No. 8, he holding the proxy of Bro. Patterson, the W. M. of that Lodge.

A petition from a number of brethren in Mason county, asking for a dispensation for a new Lodge, was presented by Bro. Shepherd.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until Wednesday morning, at which time it again assembled. Present, as on the day previous.

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer were referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Bro. Helm, a committee on "Foreign Relations" was appointed, to whom were referred all foreign correspondence. The committee were Breth. Lusk and Dunlap.

A communication from a convention of Masons, held at Washington City, presented by Bro. Lusk, was referred to this committee. The annual election was then held, resulting in the election of the following brethren: M. W. Meredith Helm, of Springfield, G. M.; R. W. Alexander Dunlap, of Jacksonville, D. G. M.; W. Levi Lusk, of Rushville, S. G. W.; Joseph N. Ralston, of Quincy, J. G. W.; W. B. Warren, of Jacksonville, G. Sec.; Philip Coffman, of Jacksonville, G. Treas.; J. H. Matheny, of Springfield, G. Orator; F. A. McNeill, of Springfield, G. C.; George Hackett, of Jacksonville, G. T.

The following appointments were made: Samuel Matlack, of Springfield, S. G. D.; Henry Prather, of Decatur, J. G. D.; Edward Jones, of Springfield, D. G. Sec.; A. C. Dickson, of Jacksonville, G. M.; John Gregory, of Jacksonville, G. P.; A. V. Putnam, of Jacksonville, G. S.; J. P. Zwisler, of Springfield, G. S. B. The Grand Lodge then repaired to the "Rev. Mr. Todd's Church," where the officers were installed, and an oration delivered by M. W. Bro. Jonas. The Grand Lodge then re-

turned and was called off until 3 o'clock, at which time it was again called to labor.

The Committee on Returns and Work reported the Returns and Work of Rising Sun Lodge correct, and recommended the granting of a charter as No. 12, which was done, and Breth. Davis and Williams admitted as representatives of that Lodge. Upon the recommendation of the same committee, a charter was granted to Cass Lodge as No. 11, and Bro. Thompson admitted as its representative.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. Jonas, was adopted :

"Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, no subordinate Lodge should permit a petition for admission or initiation to be withdrawn after a committee has been raised to inquire into the character and qualifications of the candidate."

The amendment to the By-Laws offered at the previous communication by Bro. Dunlap, changing the time of meeting from October to August, was taken up and lost. Breth. Thompson, of Cass Lodge, and Armstrong, of Decatur, were granted leave of absence. The following resolution, offered by Bro. Jonas, was adopted :

"Resolved, That from and after the adoption of this resolution, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be annually required to give bond, with approved security, payable to the Grand Master for the time being—for the faithful and lawful disposition of all moneys that may come into their hands belonging to the Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 7½ o'clock. The Grand Lodge being again called to labor, the Committee on Returns and Work reported the returns of Lodges Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8 correct, and recommended granting of a charter to St. John's Lodge as No. 13, and its removal from Vermilionville to Peru, which was accordingly done. On motion of Bro. Jonas, the vote granting a charter to Cass Lodge was reconsidered, and its returns and records recommitted to the committee having those matters in charge.

The following amendment was offered by Bro. Lusk, and laid over to the next communication :

"SEC. 18. No Lodge acting under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall knowingly receive any candidate in either of the degrees of Masonry that has been rejected by any other Lodge, without first receiving the unanimous consent of the Lodge that rejected him."

The majority of the Committee on Returns and Work made the following report on the returns and work of Nauvoo Lodge, U. D :

"The Committee on Return and Work of Lodges ask leave to report that they have examined the returns of Nauvoo Lodge, under dispensation, together with the papers and correspondence referred to your committee connected therewith.

"Your committee regret that the original records of the work of said Lodge have not been sent up, as was required by the M. W. G. Master in his order suspending the labor of said Lodge; but from the report, as well as the transcript

of the proceedings of the Lodge exhibited, the work appears to conform to the requirements of this Grand Lodge.

"It appears, however, from documentary and other evidence before the committee, that there is some reason to fear that the intention and ancient landmarks of our Institution have been departed from, to an inexcusable extent. The facts in the case, however, your committee are of opinion can only be satisfactorily ascertained by a careful inspection of the original records, and thorough investigation of the whole proceedings. Such a course, your committee believe, is due as well to the brethren of Nauvoo Lodge, as to this Grand Lodge and the Craft generally; and should our fears prove groundless, as the committee still hope they will, none will be more benefited by the investigation than the Lodge under consideration; but should they in any considerable degree be realized, the sooner the facts are ascertained the better.

"It appears from the records that the dispensation was granted October 15, 5841, and the Lodge installed and set to work on the 15th March, A. L. 5842, by the M. W. G. Master. Up to the 11th August, at which time their labor was suspended, the Lodge initiated 286 candidates, and passed and raised nearly as many.

"In view of all the circumstances connected with this subject, the committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

"1st. *Resolved*, That the injunction suspending the labors of Nauvoo Lodge U. D., be continued until the next regular communication of this Grand Lodge.

"2d. *Resolved*, That a special committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to examine the original minutes of Nauvoo Lodge, and diligently inquire into any irregularity or misconduct alleged to have been committed by said Lodge, and report the facts at the next regular communication of this Grand Lodge.

"J. N. RALSTON,
M. HELM."

The minority made the following report:

"The minority of the Committee on Returns and Work of Lodges would respectfully state that they have examined the returns of Nauvoo Lodge U. D., together with all the papers referred to them on the subject of the said Lodge, as well as other testimony that have come before them, and would respectfully say, that to the minority of the committee, there appears no evidence by which the committee can establish any irregularity or departure from the original landmarks of the Order, but having reasons to apprehend that irregularities can be established, we would respectfully concur with the majority in recommending the adoption of the resolutions the majority have reported.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"H. PRATHER.

"Bro. P. G. M. offered a substitute to the above resolutions, as follows :

"*Resolved*, That a special committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to repair to Nauvoo forthwith, and examine the original minutes of Nauvoo Lodge, and diligently inquire into any irregularity or misconduct alleged to have been committed by said Lodge, and to examine persons and papers connected with the subject, and report the facts to the M. W. Grand Master, and if he should deem them of such character as to justify such a course, he shall either direct the injunction suspending the work of said Lodge to be continued until the next regular communication, or direct the dispensation granted by Grand Master Jonas to be continued, and the Lodge be permitted to work under the same until the next Grand Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, and that said committee be allowed a reasonable compensation for their expenses.

"Which was concurred in, and the report and resolution, as amended, was laid on the table for the present."

In the matter of Peoria Lodge, the following report was made:

"The Committee on Returns and Work of Lodges respectfully report that they have considered the case of Peoria Lodge, U. D., whose delegate, Bro. Davis, is here without the returns of his Lodge, they having unavoidably been left behind, under peculiar circumstances, already detailed to the Grand Lodge by the explanatory statement of Bro. Davis, and now recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Peoria Lodge U. D. be required to hand in, as soon as practicable, the return and minutes of their proceedings to the G. M. for his inspection, and that if he shall approve the same, a charter shall then be granted to said Lodge, upon their paying to the Grand Secretary their proper amount of dues and charges.

"M. HELM,
J. N. RALSTON, } Committee."
H. PRATHER.

The following action was had in the matter of Cass Lodge:

"The Committee on Returns and Work, to whom was re-committed their report on Cass Lodge, would beg leave to report that they have examined all the testimony before them in relation to the action of said Lodge upon a petition, the petitioner having been previously rejected by Springfield Lodge, and find that Cass Lodge did initiate a candidate after he had been rejected by Springfield Lodge, and that they (Cass Lodge) were apprised of the fact; and that subsequently to the initiation, that Cass Lodge was informed by the W. M. of Springfield informally of the fact, and afterwards the same person was passed and raised. Your committee are not prepared to sanction such actions as usages of Masonry, and regret that the subject was not brought before them while the delegate of Cass Lodge was present. We would therefore recommend the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That at present a charter be refused Cass Lodge, and that their dispensation be continued until the Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

"M. HELM,
J. N. RALSTON, } Committee."
H. PRATHER.

Brother Grand Secretary offered a substitute to the above resolutions, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the W. Grand Master be authorized, whenever a sufficient explanation shall be made to him by the officers of Cass Lodge, to direct the Grand Secretary to issue a charter to said Lodge.

"Which, on motion, was lost, and the original resolution was adopted."

Bro. Jonas offered the following, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That Bro. Grand Secretary communicate with Cass Lodge on the conduct of Bro. John Daley, of that Lodge, and request that they take said brother under dealing, and act thereon accordingly."

Bro. Lusk offered the following, which was laid over temporarily:

"1st. *Resolved*, That no Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall be allowed to ballot for a candidate for initiation except at a stated meeting, nor in a shorter time than one lunar month from the reception of the petition, except by dispensation from the M. W. Grand Master.

"2d. *Resolved*, That a Lodge ought not to confer more than one degree on a candidate in a shorter time than from one regular meeting to another, except in cases of emergency, of which they are to be the judges, and in which unanimity shall be required."

A dispensation was granted Bro. John Bennett and six others to form and open a Lodge at Petersburg, Menard county, under the name of Clinton. This is the petition referred to as being presented by Bro. Shepherd.

Rising Sun Lodge, Iowa territory, was granted one year in which to pay its dues and charter fee.

Resolutions of thanks to Breth. McNeill, Grand Chaplain, Jonathan Nye, Past Grand Master of Vermont, the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, and to the "gentlemen who officiated as Musicians" were passed.

The amendment to the By-Laws, offered by Bro. Helm, to change the location of the Grand Lodge from Jacksonville to Springfield, "was taken up and debated, the previous question being called by Bro. Prather, was sustained by the Grand Lodge, and the amendment lost."

The report of the majority of the Committee on Returns and Work, relating to Nauvoo Lodge, was taken up and adopted by a vote of Lodges, the vote standing "Ayes 10, Nays 1."

P. G. M. Nye, the Grand Secretary, and Bro. Rogers, of Quincy, were appointed a committee raised by the adoption of the report. It was not very long after this that Bro. Warren visited Nauvoo in a totally different character, appearing as the agent of an insulted and outraged people, and carrying, as it were, the proclamation of Gov. Ford in one hand and the sword in the other, instead of the olive branch.

The following resolutions, offered by Bro. Samuel H. Davis, of Peoria, were adopted :

"*Resolved*, That in all cases where regular Lodges, now holding dispensations or charters from other Grand Lodges, shall make application to come under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, no other fee shall be charged than the Secretary's, and the W. Grand Master be authorized to issue them without waiting for the action of the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

"*Resolved*, That the M. W. Jonathan Nye, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, be admitted an honorary member of this Grand Lodge, and be permitted at all times a seat in the same as such."

The report of the committee on the proceedings of Nauvoo Lodge was authorized to be published with the proceedings. Bro. Davis offered the following, which was laid over one year :

"*Amendment to By-Laws*: Each subordinate Lodge shall have authority to fix its own fees for conferring the three degrees and for membership, but no Lodge shall charge a less sum than twenty dollars, nor more than thirty for the former and not less than two, nor more than five for the latter: *provided*, that no charge of membership shall be made against those who have received the three degrees in the Lodge.

Bro. Shepherd, of No. 4, offered the following, which was laid over to the next annual communication :

"WHEREAS, There have been several attempts made to remove the Grand Lodge from Jacksonville to Springfield, and have as often failed; and,

"WHEREAS, The brethren and others of Springfield are anxious to have the Grand Lodge to hold its meetings in their city, and believing in the parable of the poor woman in the Scriptures; therefore,

"Resolved, That the first section of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the word 'Jacksonville,' and inserting 'Springfield' in its stead."

The Grand Lodge refused to adopt a motion to refund the dues of Macon Lodge.

Bro. Davis offered the following, which was laid over:

"Amendment to By-Laws: Whenever the members in any subordinate Lodge shall exceed fifty, such Lodge shall be divided; and whenever the average members in attendance during a year shall be less than ten, then such Lodge shall cease to exist, and shall surrender its charter or dispensation to the Grand Lodge."

The following preamble and resolution, offered by Bro. Jonas, were adopted:

"WHEREAS, It has been represented to this Grand Lodge that there are several subordinate Lodges in this State working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Missouri; and,

"WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge is in a state of infancy, whilst the Grand Lodge of Missouri is in a state of affluence—and not doubting her willingness to extend the hand of friendship and assistance to her sister Grand Lodge; and believing, moreover, that it would be conducive to the interests of Masonry that the Grand Lodge of each State should govern and control the Masonic family within its bounds; therefore,

"Resolved, That Bro. Grand Secretary be requested to visit the Grand Lodge of Missouri at its next annual communication, and request said Grand Lodge (as the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has done) to dissolve the connection existing between themselves and the subordinate Lodges in the State of Illinois; and, further, to tender to said Grand Lodge the best wishes of this Grand Lodge for her Masonic success, and our desire for an interchange of those social relations which have characterized our Fraternity for so many ages."

Also the following:

"Resolved, That hereafter no Lodge acting under authority of this Grand Lodge, either under dispensation or charter, be authorized to confer either of the degrees of Masonry, or anything connected therewith, until the officers of the same shall be installed by the Grand or Deputy Grand Master, or some Past Master."

The resolutions offered by Bro. Lusk, regarding the laying over of petitions one lunar month, and conferring of degrees in a shorter time than should elapse from one regular meeting to another, were taken up, and the first adopted, the second lost.

The Committee on Finance, by Bro. Shepherd, made the following report:

"The Committee on Finance report that they have had the financial concerns of the Grand Lodge of Illinois under consideration, and find them to be as follows:

"In the hands of the Grand Treasurer.....	\$28 25	State Bank Paper.
" " " " Secretary.....	290 00	" " "

"Total State Bank Paper.....\$318 25

"Also in hands Grand Secretary.....	\$43 00	Par Funds.
" " " "	27 50	Gold.
" " " "	14 50	Specie.

"Total Amount of par funds\$85 00

"LIABILITIES OF GRAND LODGE TO BE MET.

"A balance due from said Lodge to J. Adams of.....	\$109 00
"Supposed expenses of printing Minutes of Grand Lodge.....	30 00
"Services of the Grand Secretary during communication.....	20 00
"Services of Sexton of church.....	1 00
"To cash paid out for trimming lamps, oil, and candles by Tyler.....	2 12½
"Services of Tyler for tying Grand Lodge.....	4 00

"Total amount of liabilities.....\$166 12½

"Your committee not having as much time to make out their report as would allow them to go into matters in detail, therefore offer the following resolutions:

"1st. *Resolved*, That the debt due from the Grand Lodge to James Adams, late D. G. M., be paid to him at the close of the next communication, with 12 per cent. interest from this date.

"2d. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary and Treasurer be allowed the privilege, and required, if possible, to loan all the State Bank paper for one or more years, at its face, with or without interest, to good men and approved securities.

"3d. *Resolved*, That hereafter the Grand Lodge will only receive from the subordinate Lodges par funds for all moneys paid to the Grand Lodge.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"JAMES SHEPHERD.

"N. B.—Balance of available means, after meeting the supposed liabilities, is \$237.12½, calling all the funds par funds."

"*Resolved*, That should the Grand Master deem it his duty, after receiving the report of the Nauvoo committee, to continue the dispensation to Nauvoo Lodge, it shall be the duty of said Lodge to pay up the balance of their Lodge dues, before they are permitted to proceed with work.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Master draw on the Treasurer to pay the expenses of the Nauvoo committee, and Bro. Secretary's expenses in visiting the Grand Lodge of Missouri."

The Grand Secretary and Treasurer reported as follows:

"W. B. WARREN, Grand Secretary, *in account with the Grand Lodge of Illinois.*

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"This amount on hand to purchase jewels, &c.....		\$64 37
"Rec'd from Macon Lodge U. D. for dispensation.....		15 00
" " Peoria, do.....		15 00
" " Virginia, do.....		15 00
" " Shawneetown, do.....		15 00
" " Vermilion, do in part.....		13 00
" " Nauvoo, dispensation and dues in part.....		115 00
" " Rushville, do.....		27 50
" " Rising Sun, do.....		26 25
" " Springfield, dues.....		33 00
" " Columbus, do.....		12 00
" " Macon, do.....		17 25
" " Bodley, do.....		18 75
" " Clinton, for dispensation.....		15 00
" " Cass, for dues.....		9 00
" " Harmony, do.....		16 50

"\$427 62

"CONTRA.

'By 4 aprons furnished this communication.....	\$1 00
"Grand Secretary's fees received by G. Lodge last communication....	12 00
"Ribbons for jewels.....	3 75
"Postage and Stationery.....	2 43
"Services and expenses to Nauvoo, on the requisition of the Grand Master, 6 days.....	25 00—47 18
"In hands and G. S. due Grand Lodge.....	\$380 44

"JACKSONVILLE, ILL., Oct. 5, 1842.

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois:

"The undersigned, Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, would most respectfully report that he received from the Grand Secretary, on the 4th of October, 1841, \$129. That he paid to Bro. James Adams, by order of the Grand Master, 4th October, 1841, \$50; that he paid for printing Constitution, By-Laws, and oration by Bro. McDougall, \$50.75, the vouchers for which I hereby submit, making in the whole, \$115.25. This sum being deducted from the amount received from the Grand Secretary (129), leaves the sum of \$18.25 in my hands.

"All of which is respectfully submitted to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois.

"P. COFFMAN."

The Committee on Returns and Work recommended the granting of a charter to Warren Lodge as No. 14, which was concurred in. The Committee on Foreign Communications reported as follows:

"The Committee on Foreign Communications ask leave to report that they have examined the proceedings of the following named Grand Lodges, viz.: The Grand Lodges of Kentucky, for the year 1841; Missouri, 1840 and 1841; Indiana, 1841; North Carolina, 1840; Mississippi, 1842, and also a Masonic Calendar of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas, containing a list of the grand officers and the Lodges subordinate thereto, and also a constitution of said Grand Lodge. These are all the communications that have been received from Grand Lodges.

"Your committee have not been able to find anything therein that requires the immediate action of this Grand Lodge, or of general interest, except the action of some of the Grand Lodges above named upon the proceedings of a Masonic Convention, holden in Baltimore, in March, 1842, which your committee have had under consideration, and, after mature deliberation, have been unable to bring themselves to any definite conclusion as to the course that this Grand Lodge ought to pursue, and therefore recommend that the proceedings of said convention be read in open Lodges.

"Your committee offer the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge reciprocate the courtesy of the Grand Lodges from which communications have been received, and that the Grand Secretary, as soon as convenient, transmit one copy of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge at its present communication to each Grand Lodge in the United States, and to such foreign Grand Lodges as he may have the address of.

"L. LUSK,
A. DUNLAP."

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor until 7 o'clock P. M., when it again assembled, and the report of the Committee on Foreign Communications was adopted.

The Committee on Returns and Work having reported that no returns had been received from Dixon No. 7, Juliet No. 8, Ottawa and Kaskaskia U. D., the Grand Secretary was directed to correspond with these Lodges, and ascertain their reasons for not doing so.

The following resolutions were adopted :

"Resolved, As the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that it is contrary and inconsistent with the ancient usages and precepts of our Order to withdraw from a subordinate Lodge without some good cause, or to reside in the neighborhood of a subordinate Lodge without becoming a member thereof.

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to our worthy P. W. G. M. Jonas, for the courtesy with which he has presided over the Grand Lodge, and for the truly Masonic light and knowledge which he has on all occasions disseminated in this Grand Lodge.

"On motion of D. G. M., it was resolved that a committee be appointed to apply for an act of incorporation to the next session of the Legislature of Illinois, when the following committee was appointed: M. W. G. Master, D. G. Master, and Bro. Shepard."

The Grand Lodge then closed.

The report of the committee appointed to investigate the affairs of Nauvoo Lodge U. D., is appended to the proceedings, and is here given:

"REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION.

"To the Most Worshipful Meredith Helm, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois:

"The committee appointed to proceed to Nauvoo and investigate the charges of irregularity which had been preferred against Nauvoo Lodge, U. D., have performed that duty, and beg leave respectfully to report, that after a careful and laborious examination of both persons and papers, they have, with due deference, concluded to submit the following suggestions and resolutions:

"The principal charges which had been made against the Lodge, your committee found groundless, and without proof to sustain them. Irregularities have obtained in the work of the Lodge, which your committee think strike at once at the vital principles of our Order, and the correction of which should not be passed over in silence: 1st. The practice of balloting for more than one applicant at one and the same time.

"The privilege of balloting for or against an applicant, your committee think one of the inalienable rights of our time-honored Institution. The Lodge has no right to introduce within its walls any applicant who may be obnoxious to any one of its members. Neither has it the right to inquire into the motive which actuated or influenced the ballot of any member.

"Should a member (forgetful of those Masonic principles so often inculcated within our sacred walls) reject a worthy applicant out of private pique or malice, the wrong is his own, and to his God alone is he accountable. And better far is it, in the estimation of your committee, that worthy applicants should be rejected time and again, than that the sacredness of the ballot box should be invaded.

"2d. On one occasion an applicant, of at least doubtful character, was received on a promise of reformation and restitution, with the view of holding his future conduct in check, and making him a worthier and a better man. In this instance the motive, your committee do not doubt, was good, but whilst they applaud the motive, they must condemn the practice, as one fraught with too much danger to the Craft ever to be indulged in.

"In review of the whole subject, your committee find much to regret, much to deplore—yet they can not bring themselves to believe that the good of the Fraternity requires that the injunction should be perpetual; but on the contrary, that justice should be tempered with mercy, and therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the dispensation of Nauvoo Lodge, U. D., be continued until the next Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and should the M. W. Grand Master approve our suggestions, that some brother be appointed to attend at some given time, to remind the brethren of the irregularity of their proceedings, and admonish them in the most friendly manner to avoid all such in future.

"All of which is respectfully submitted by the committee.

"JONATHAN NYE, }
W. B. WARREN. } *Committee.*"

Following this is the order of Grand Master Helm, which we also give:

"Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Illinois, at its late regular annual communication, appointed a committee to repair to Nauvoo, and there, by examination of persons and papers, diligently to inquire into certain alleged irregularities or misconduct of Nauvoo Lodge, U. D.; and, whereas, the said committee having discharged the duty assigned them, have reported to me that the principal charges against said Lodge are entirely groundless, and that certain irregularities in the work of said Lodge, which have been practiced in some instances, proceeded, in the opinion of the committee, from error of judgment rather than of intention; and, whereas, the said committee, after a full, patient and laborious investigation of the case, and in view of all the facts before them in connection therewith, have unanimously recommended that the legal existence of said Lodge be continued; and, whereas, the high moral character, general intelligence, and extensive Masonic information and experience of the brethren composing said committee, entitle their opinion and recommendations to my entire confidence, and should remove from the minds of all any fears that may have been entertained respecting the motives and designs of Nauvoo Lodge.

"Now, therefore, I, Meredith Helm, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby order and adjudge that the injunction suspending the work of Nauvoo Lodge be removed, that the dispensation granted to it by our late Grand Master A. Jonas be continued, and the said Lodge be and hereby is authorized and empowered to resume work under said dispensation, as a regular Lodge, and carefully avoiding the mistakes heretofore committed, and adhering to the ancient landmarks of the Order, with the most scrupulous accuracy, to continue in operation till the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge, to be held on the first Monday of October next, at Jacksonville, Illinois, when and where the said Lodge is hereby required to appear, by its legal representatives, with a copy of its proceedings, under the authority herein contained.

"Given under my hand and seal, at Springfield, this 2d day of November, A. D. 1842, A. L. 5842.

"MEREDITH HELM, G. M. G. L. S. I. [SEAL]

The membership reported by the several Lodges, at the Annual Communication of 1842, we here give: Bodley No. 1, 25; Harmony No. 3, 23; Springfield No. 4, 43; Columbus No. 6, 16; Macon No. 8, 22; Juliet

No. 10, 25; Rushville U. D., 20; Western Star U. D., 23; Cass U. D., 12; St. Johns U. D., 10; Nauvoo U. D., 253; Warren U. D., 8. Total reported, 480.

BODLEY LODGE NO. 1.

But one raising is reported by this Lodge during 1842, which was that of Bro. H. S. Cooley, on the third day of January. April 4th, a brother who had been suspended, was reinstated, and the following reasons are assigned for the reinstatement: "that he had made ample satisfaction to the brother with whom he was at variance, and had also become a sober, temperate and reformed man, and has joined the Washingtonian Temperance Society, in which he has pledged his sacred honor, to abstain from that beverage which never failed to destroy the qualities of a good Mason." May 2d, "A letter was received and read from Nauvoo Lodge, U. D., inviting Bodley Lodge No. 1 to participate with them in celebrating the anniversary of St. John, the 24th of June; and on motion it was resolved that the Secretary be directed to answer the communication, declining to accept of the invitation, on account of the great distance, and of our present pecuniary exigence, and that the Secretary also say in his letter, that Bodley Lodge regrets that anything, extraneous from pure Masonry, should be coupled with this communication, it having been, throughout all ages, the peculiar characteristic of Masonry, that she has sent forth her pure flame of living light, before the world, uncontaminated by political doings, and untinged by religious distinctions."

To this, we heartily respond amen!

Bro. Coyne, the Secretary, was demitted, and Bro. Cooley appointed in his stead.

June 3d, it was resolved that the correspondence between Bodley and Nauvoo Lodges be laid before the Grand Lodge at its next communication. The semi-annual election was then had, resulting in the election of Breth. Harrison Dills, W. M.; Thomas Jasper, S. W.; T. C. King, J. W.; T. Monroe, Treas.; H. S. Cooley, Sec.; J. N. Ralston and J. M. Pitman, Deacons; D. Hauser, Steward and Tyler.

July 16th, special meeting. Present:—H. Dills, W. M.; T. Jasper, S. W.; T. C. King, J. W.; T. Monroe, Treas.; H. S. Cooley, Sec.; J. M. Pitman, S. D.; J. N. Ralston, J. D.; D. Hauser, Steward and Tyler, and Bros. Davis, Maire, Rogers, Johnston, Swarthout, Conyers.

The W. M. stated the object of the meeting to be, to take into consideration, the charges made against Nauvoo Lodge, U. D. After remarks by Bros. Rogers, Ralston, Conyers, Swarthout, and Davis, the following preamble and resolutions were read:

"WHEREAS, It has come to the knowledge of Bodley Lodge No. 1, of Quincy, from sources of information which can not be doubted, that Nauvoo Lodge U. D. have, since the granting of their dispensation, conducted in a manner un-Masonic, and highly dangerous and injurious to our beloved institution, to subvert and destroy the great, good, and beneficial influences of Masonic principles; therefore

"Resolved, That the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of this State, be requested and is hereby requested, to suspend the authority which has been granted the Nauvoo Lodge by the Grand Master of this State, without delay, and continue said suspension until the Grand Lodge of this State take the subject of said charges into consideration, and dispose of the same in such manner as they shall deem essential to the ends of justice, and the welfare and prosperity of the institution of Masonry.

"And unanimously adopted. On motion, Bros. Davis and Ralston were appointed a committee to furnish the Grand Master with the above information. The following resolution was offered and adopted:

"Resolved, That Bodley Lodge No. 1, of Quincy, request of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, that a committee be appointed at the next annual meeting of said Lodge, to make inquiry into the manner the officers of the Nauvoo Lodge, U. D., were installed, by the Grand Master of this State, and by what authority the Grand Master initiated, passed, and raised Messrs. Smith and Rigdon to the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, at one and the same time, and that the proceedings of the committee be reported for the benefit of this Lodge."

All this goes to prove, first, that the Lodge at Nauvoo had become involved in the same brawl as the "saints," and second, that the right of the Grand Master to make Masons at sight (a right we doubt) was not known in Illinois in 1842.

Sep. 7th, the W. M. and Wardens were appointed representatives to the Grand Lodge. Sept. 18th, a communication was received from Nauvoo Lodge, U. D., which was ordered to be laid before the Grand Lodge. Oct. 3d, Bro. Dills resigned his office as W. M. No election was had to fill the vacancy. Dec. 5th, an amendment to the by-laws was introduced, providing that the elections should take place annually on 27th December, and at the meeting of Dec. 26th, the amendment was lost. Dec. 26th, officers as follows were elected: J. B. Conyers, W. M.; F. G. Johnston, S. W.; Daniel Stahl, J. W.; Damon Hauser, Treas.: James H. Luce, Sec.

EQUALITY LODGE NO. 102.

This Lodge still held under the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, although borne on the list of the Grand Lodge of Illinois as No. 2.

J. F. Goulding, Feb. 5th; John M. Leech, Dec. 3d; Valentine F. Evans, Dec. 10th, were the only brethren raised during this year.

Jan. 15th, the Lodge, being informed of the death of Bro. W. J. Gatewood, met and passed the customary resolutions.

Jan. 17th, the Lodge proceeded to New Haven, Gallatin county, and there interred the remains of Bro. William Goss, of Brandon Lodge No. —, Vermont.

March 5th, Breth. Watkins and Jones were appointed a committee to correspond with the Grand Lodge of Illinois, relative to procuring a charter from that body.

May 7th the following action was had :

"The business next claiming the attention of the Lodge, and which was called for by the W. M., was the report of the Corresponding Committee with the Grand Lodge of this State (appointed the 5th March last), in regard to obtaining a charter from them, and surrendering our present charter.

"In reply to this call, Brother Jos. E. Watkins, the only member of the committee present, handed to the Secretary a letter from Brother W. B. Warren, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which, as directed, was read in the Lodge, at the conclusion of which, Bro. Jos. E. Watkins made a motion, which was seconded, that the charter proffered to us by the Secretary of the Grand Lodge in his letter just read, be accepted. But before any definite or final action was had on this motion, Brother W. Siddall made a motion for arrest of action, believing, as he said, that we were about to act prematurely or unadvisedly. Brother Watkins then withdrew his motion, when a new motion was made that the same Corresponding Committee till then in existence, be continued, to carry on a correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, with the view of ascertaining upon what terms, with honor and credit to ourselves, we could separate from her and attach to the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Upon this motion the W. M. would, and did, appoint a new committee, composed of Bros. Jos. E. Watkins, W. Siddall, and J. T. Goulding."

June 24th, officers as follows were elected: A. W. Pool, W. M.; J. W. Hamilton, S. W.; John M. Burnett, J. W.; J. T. Goulding, Treasurer; William Siddall, Secretary; Jos. E. Watkins and John R. Smoote, Deacons; John Howard, Tyler. Upon motion, the election of Treasurer and Secretary were reconsidered, whereupon, Breth. Goulding and Siddall exchanged places. It was resolved at this meeting to suspend all who were in arrears, that did not pay within two weeks, but owing to the stringency of the times, better counsels prevailed and Bro. Goulding offered the following, which was "unanimously carried": "Moved, that the Lodge nullify the resolution of the 24th June, so far as regards suspension."

Nov. 5th, the Lodge received a communication from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, authorizing the surrender of the charter from that Grand Lodge, and the acceptance of one from the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Bro. Goulding, the Secretary, waxed eloquent over what he termed the "truly fraternal exertions" of M. W. Bro. Philip Swigert, for the interest he manifested in furthering the request and desires of Equality Lodge.

But as the record can state in *better* language the state of the Brother Secretary's feelings at the time, than we could possibly do, we reproduce the action had, simply remarking, that it is extremely doubtful if Bro. Swigert ever received such a vote of thanks, as this, before or since :

"The Secretary also read a letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, covering the proceedings before mentioned, at the conclusion of which Bro. Hamilton suggested the propriety of manifesting in some way, our respect and thanks to Bro. Swigert for the part taken by him, in our behalf, in the Grand Lodge.

"J. T. Goulding now offered the following :

"WHEREAS, in the preamble and resolution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, at its recent convocation, in relation to Equality Lodge No. 102, just now read, as the spirit breathed throughout the letter accompanying said preamble and resolution, we cannot but note with feelings of unmixed gratitude, the zealous fraternal regard and deep interest manifested by our much esteemed, "true and trusty" friend and brother Philip Swigert, in the welfare and prosperity of our Lodge ; therefore

"*Resolved*, That we tender to our distinguished friend and brother, Philip Swigert, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, our warmest hand of fellowship, in conjunction with our unsophisticated thanks, for his late urbane and truly fraternal exertions in our behalf, and beg him to accept our assurances, that "tho' far awa," he shall ever be held by us as he ought.

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary be directed to forward a copy of the foregoing to our Bro. Philip Swigert, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

"Which preamble and resolutions being read aloud by the Secretary, were unanimously adopted."

Dec. 27th, the regular annual election was held, resulting in the election of the following brethren: A. W. Pool, W. M.; William Siddall, S. W.; James W. Hamilton, J. W.; J. M. Leech, Treas.; J. T. Goulding, Sec.; Watkins and Hopper, Deacons; John Howard, Tyler.

The Lodge had all this time been waiting patiently for the "promised charter, on parchment," as the record has it, but the year 1842 closed without the sight of that instrument gladdening their eyes.

HARMONY LODGE NO. 3.

We have no records of this Lodge for 1842, and consequently are not able to state anything in regard to it, except presenting the return made to the Grand Lodge, which met in October, 1842, by which we learn that the following brethren were the officers: George Hackett, W. M.; C. Ludlum, S. W.; A. V. Putnam, J. W.; W. W. Happy, Treas.; W. B. Warren, Sec.; J. A. McDougall, S. D.; J. T. Sigler, J. D.; M. Stacy, Steward and Tyler.

The members were John T. Jones, Alexander Dunlap, Philip Coffman, John Gregory, S. W. Lucas, Richard Henry, George Henry, Dennis Rockwell, J. M. Lucas, J. T. Holmes, Clark Roberts, Adolphus Cerrill, A. C. Dickson, A. L. Underwood, F. C., and Aaron Dickerson, E. A.

The only work done during the year was one initiation. Of the members and officers given above, Bro. Dunlap was Deputy Grand Mas-

ter; Warren, Grand Secretary; Coffman, Grand Treasurer; Hackett, Grand Tyler; Dickson, Grand Marshal; Gregory, Grand Pursuivant; and Putnam, Grand Steward.

SPRINGFIELD LODGE NO. 4.

This Lodge increased its membership, by raisings during the year 1842, as here given: M. McNamara, Jan. 24; C. W. Matheny, March 21; James H. Matheny, April 18; William Lavelly and E. S. Frazier, June 6; Martin S. Morris, June 22; William Walters, Dec. 12.

January 9, the Lodge buried the remains of Bro. William J. Gatewood, at the time of his decease Master of Equality Lodge No. 102. The record in this case we transfer entire:

"The Springfield Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, upon their return this day from the funeral of the late Hon. William J. Gatewood, whose remains had been attended to the place of interment by the brethren of the said Lodge in procession, and interred according to the ancient rites and customs of the Fraternity, passed the following resolutions:

"WHEREAS, We have just witnessed the last sad and solemn obsequies of our late worthy brother, the Hon. William J. Gatewood, who died suddenly in this city, at 11 o'clock last evening, therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply regret and deplore the death of our late worthy brother, whose remains we have so recently committed to the silent tomb, and that we unite with heartfelt sympathy with his friends and family in their present affliction.

Resolved, that as a testimony of respect to the memory of the deceased, each of the brethren of this Lodge shall wear crape on his left arm for the space of ten days.

Resolved, That in the further testimony of respect for his memory, and of profound sympathy with his bereaved family, a committee of three members of this Lodge be directed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the widow of our deceased brother, the Hon. William J. Gatewood, and that the editors of the Springfield papers be requested to publish them.

"Whereupon, Breth. Brown, Shields, and Treat were appointed that committee.

"On motion, the Lodge adjourned."

February 25, the Lodge bore to their last resting place the remains of Bro. Marcellus Eastham, a member of the Lodge.

April 18, the petition of William Lavelly was received and referred, and on May 23 he was elected and initiated. June 1, Bro. Lavelly was passed.

June 28, the Lodge proceeded to an election, which resulted as follows: James Shepherd was elected W. M.; William Harvey, S. W.; James Zwisler, J. W.; Maurice Doyle, Treasurer; Edward Jones, Secretary; Francis Springer, Chaplain; James Maxcy, Tyler.

Sept. 19, Bro. Harvey, S. W., resigned, when Bro. James Zwisler was elected to fill the vacancy; this promotion of Bro. Zwisler caused a

vacation of the station of the J. W., which was filled by the election of Francis Springer.

Nov. 28, Breth. Philo Beers, J. R. Gray, James Briggs, James Firey, and Daniel Turney were stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues.

The following officers were elected on St. John's Day, Dec. 27: Francis A. McNeill, W. M.; James Zwisler, S. W.; George R. Weber, J. W.; Maurice Doyle, Treasurer; Edward Jones, Secretary; James Maxcy, Tyler. Breth. Garland and Chatterton were appointed Deacons, and James Shepherd Master of Ceremonies.

FAR WEST LODGE NO. 29.

This Lodge still held its charter from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, although borne upon the books of the Grand Lodge of Illinois as No. 5.

The report before us extends from Sept. 25, 1841, to Sept. 24, 1842, and from it we gather that the following were raised during 1842, or rather up to September 24th of that year: J. M. Sullivan, May 21; S. Alex. and D. B. Whitesides, June 24; L. Peyton and J. B. Latham, July 28.

There is not much to note in the minutes before us, as they are a *very* short abstract of the doings of the Lodge, excepting that on August 20th, 1842, a petition for a Lodge at Dubuque, Iowa Territory, was recommended.

The return, or so much of it as relates to the officers and members, we present here in full:

Officers.—Charles Gear, Master; James Rice, Senior Warden; A. C. Davis, Junior Warden; Daniel Wann, Treasurer; John Turney, Secretary; A. T. Crow, Senior Deacon; James Stewart, Junior Deacon; J. E. Smith and R. Pattison, Stewards; Robert Dunlap, Tyler.

Master Masons.—Thomas C. Legate, E. W. Turner, Matthew Fawcett, W. F. Franklin, F. J. Dunn, T. B. Farnsworth, A. J. Jackson, John McNulty, Wm. B. Whiteside, Sam'l Alex, John S. Crawford, E. F. Ogden, Thomas Clark, R. Long, D. B. Morehouse, David Wells, T. Fanning, H. H. Gear, Sam'l Smoker, M. J. Sullivan, Geo. W. Cummings, Lucien Peyton, Sam'l McLean, W. H. Hooper, Wm. Campbell, Gideon Low, Dan'l F. Hitt, G. M. Mitchell, Robt. Thompson, Jos. Doplar, J. B. Latham, N. Nadeau.

Fellow Craft Masons.—Michael Wall, John Flanagan, James B. Goble, H. C. McGraw.

Entered Apprentices.—John French, John McNulty, Jr., J. T. Temple.

Initiations.—W. B. Whitesides, Feb. 5; M. J. Sullivan, Feb. 19; J. B. Latham, March 20; S. Alex, May 21; G. W. Cummings, May 21; N. Nadeau, June 10; H. C. McGraw, June 24; John French, J. B. Goble, and Lucien Peyton, July 16; John Flanagan, July 28; John T. Temple, Sept. 24.

"Admissions.—T. Fanning, Jan. 22; David Wells, June 18; J. S. Crawford, June 18.

"Deaths.—John Sherman, died abroad in the winter of 1841-2.

"Rejections.—Miles M. Vineyard, of Wisconsin, Sept. 24."

COLUMBUS LODGE NO. 6.

As regards this Lodge, we must be content with presenting the returns of the Lodge to the Grand Lodge in 1842:

"MEMBERS.—Abraham Jonas, W. M.; Samuel Smith, S. W.; Abner J. Short, J. W.; Anthony Touzalen, Tyler; W. D. McCann, Sec.; Thomas Durant and James S. Logan, Stewards; Lytle Griffing, S. D.; David P. McNeal, J. D.; Cyrus N. Williams, Tyler.

"MASTER MASONS.—Daniel Harrison, Lytle Griffing, George W. Thompson, W. D. McCann, Wm. Bayne, Willis H. Chapman, D. P. McNeal, T. Durant, Minus L. Williams, A. J. Short, Anthony Touzalen, S. Smith, J. S. Logan, C. M. Williams, M. L. Hudnel."

FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 7.

The Lodge conferred the Master's degree upon the brethren named below during the year 1842: Abram Brown, March 25; J. R. Sawyer, May 5; ——— Wilkinson, June 3; Wm. Rodgers and L. L. Scott, June 23.

March 24, the Lodge met in the upper room of the Dixon Hotel, when the following brethren were present: Samuel Johnson, G. A. Martin, William A. Merritt, Horace Preston, Stephen Fuller, Nathan Morehouse, Isaac Robinson, Smith Gilbraith, D. B. McKenney, R. B. Loveland, James McKenney, T. H. March, James Campbell. The charter granted by the Grand Lodge was received, and the Lodge duly constituted as Friendship Lodge No. 8, which as will be hereafter seen was a mistake, as far as the number was concerned. The following officers were then duly installed: Samuel Johnson, W. M.; G. A. Martin, S. W.; William A. Merritt, as proxy for John VanArnam, J. W.; R. B. Loveland, Sec.; James McKenney, Treas.; Horace Preston, S. D.; T. H. March, J. D.; T. H. March and D. B. McKenney, Stewards; and S. Gilbraith, Tyler.

May 5, the Lodge voted to celebrate St. John's Day, which on the 24th of June was duly carried out. The following visiting brethren were present at this celebration: Mathew McKenney, N. G. Reynolds, William A. Weston, Henry Maxwell, J. B. Morton, S. McFarland, and Nathan Whitney. July 21, Charges of "violation of the laws of the land" were preferred against a brother, who was thereupon suspended, during the investigation of the case. This Lodge did not, as was the custom in the majority of the Lodges of that day, elect officers semi-annually.

MACON LODGE, U. D.

The brethren whose names are given below were raised during 1842, by this Lodge: John P. Tenbrook, Jan. 22; H. J. Armstrong, Feb. 21; J. J. Peddicord, April 6; J. T. Braden and A. Edmunds, April 28; D. E. Ralls and Preston Butler, June 15; H. Robinson, Sept. 17. June 15, being the regular time for election, it was on motion of Bro. Oglesby, resolved that the present officers retain their places until the next regular election, which was a very easy way of electing officers, besides a great saving of time and wear of mind consequent upon the mental reflection necessary to be exercised in as to whom should be elected.

June 24, was celebrated by laying the corner-stone of their "future Masonic Hall." Unless misinformed, this Hall is still in the future. Twenty-one members of the Lodge were present, and the following from Springfield Lodge No. 4: C. W. Matheny, J. H. Matheny, James Shepherd, A. Y. Ellis, M. F. Wickersham, William Harvey, Edward Jones, Geo. R. Weber, Samuel Matlack, Z. P. Cabanis, James Zwisler, L. Hesser, Henry Carrigan, S. H. Treat, — Johnson, M. Helm (who acted as Grand Master) J. B. Broadwell, John Bennett, M. S. Morris, F. A. McNeil, John Uhler, — Read, Francis Springer, N. A. Garland, C. W. Chatterton, Aug. Hays, and E. Stout. Breth. John D. Gorin and Q. C. Alexander, of Vandalia, were also present. After the laying of the corner-stone, the Lodge was duly constituted as Macon Lodge No. 8, this making the second Lodge in the State bearing that number. The officers installed at that time were: G. A. Patterson, W. M.; J. King, S. W.; H. Prather, J. W.; J. R. Gorin, Sec.; A. S. Williams, Treas.; E. League, S. D.; J. S. Post, J. D.; James Ashton, Tyler.

July 17, we observe the first record made by M. W. Bro. Gorin, twenty-six years ago. He wrote a much better hand then than now, which to us is a matter of congratulation, as it is easily read, whereas, if Bro. Gorin had written it at the present day, it would be somewhat a matter of doubt whether we should have attempted to read it at all. There is in the whole western country but one man, or rather brother, who can bear off the palm over Bro. Gorin for rapid, undecipherable chirography, and that is one who has enjoyed a like eminence in the councils of the Craft in a neighboring State, and to make it perfectly sure, we will call it Iowa.

September 17, the delegates to the Grand Lodge were directed to vote for Springfield, as the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge. A communication from Nauvoo Lodge was ordered to lie on the table. Dec. 17, officers as follows were elected: Henry Prather, W. M.; Charles H. Pringle, S. W.; Warner W. Oglesby, J. W.; Wm. B. Bosworth, Sec.; H.

J. Armstrong, Treas.; Geo. A. Patterson, Chaplain; Henry Hummel, S. and Tyler.

RUSHVILLE LODGE NO. 9.

From R. W. Bro. Bagby we learn that the old records of this Lodge were destroyed by fire, when the lodge-room in the town of Rushville was burned. We are therefore unable to give any information concerning the Lodge, other than can be gleaned from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. From the returns of this Lodge to the Grand Lodge in 1842, we find that the officers and members were as follows: Levi Lusk, W. M.; James L. Anderson, S. W.; John Todhunter, J. W.; James McCroskey, Treas.; Adams Dunlap, Sec.; John B. Seeley, S. D.; William Edgar, J. D.; Thomas J. Garrett, Tyler. The members in addition to the above named officers, were Samuel McHatton, William Davis, Abner McDowell, Josiah Parrott, Lewis Horton, Henry Murray, James H. Chick, Rensselaer Wells, Marshall Smith, Alexander Brazleton, Nathan Brooks, Hart Fellows; Andrew LaCroix, Isaac Ewing, Isaac Grier, George Edgar, Joseph Montgomery, William A. Richardson, Fellow Crafts; and Peter C. Vance, Solomon C. Waid, Tydence W. Lane, and George Rogers, Entered Apprentices. The dispensation for this Lodge was granted by Grand Master Jonas, after the close of the communication of the Grand Lodge in 1841, but the precise date we have been unable to ascertain.

JULIET LODGE NO. 10

Whence the dispensation for this Lodge emanated, we have been unable to learn, but are inclined to the opinion that it was granted by M. W. Bro. Jonas. The first mention made of this Lodge is in the proceedings of 1841, at which grand communication a petition was presented from this Lodge praying for a charter. That it had been in existence, and that the word "Charter" was not a mistake for the word "Dispensation," is plainly to be seen by the very next entry, wherein a petition was presented for a new Lodge at Chicago, which petition was recommended by Juliet Lodge. We have been unable to obtain any further information concerning this Lodge, than is afforded in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. The returns to the Grand Lodge for 1842, we here present:

"Members of Juliet Lodge No. 10, Juliet.—Norman Hawley, W. M.; Thomas J. Wade, S. W.; Joel George, J. W.; Fenner Aldrich, Treas.; Justus Finch, Jr., Sec.; Orange Chaney, S. D.; Thomas J. Kinney, J. D.; D. L. Gregg and James Broady, Stewards; Jared Runyon, Tyler. Master Masons, E. Haveris, Hiram Blanchard, Myron K. Brownson, Joshua Rucker, Joel A. Matteson, William B. Peck, Joshua Smith, E. Weather-

bee, Thomas Williams, Robert G. Cook, Henry G. Brown, N. S. Anderson, William E. Little, Samuel Anderson, David Parish."

This Lodge was chartered as No. 10 in 1841, but was not represented at the Grand Lodge of 1842.

CASS LODGE, U. D.

The dispensation for this Lodge was granted by Bro. Jonas, in the year 1842, and at the Grand Lodge of that year a charter was voted as No. 11, but was at the same meeting reconsidered and the Lodge continued under dispensation. We have no record of this Lodge while under dispensation, and can only give its return to the Grand Lodge for 1842, which is as follows:

"Members of Cass Lodge, U. D., at Virginia.—P. Underwood, Jr., W. M.; Amos Bonney, S. W.; William Bassett, J. W.; Ezra J. Dutch, Treas.; N. B. Thompson, Sec. Master Masons, James Knowles, Alfred Dutch, S. C. Lyon, C. S. VanAlstine, Thomas Eyre, James Logan, John Daley."

The initiating, passing, and raising of the latter brother, (who had been rejected by Springfield No. 4,) was the cause that led the Grand Lodge to reconsider its action granting a charter.

WESTERN STAR LODGE, U. D.

The dispensation for this Lodge has already been given. It was not represented at the Grand Lodge in 1842, and no action beyond directing the Grand Secretary to call upon the Lodge for its returns was had in regard to it, but it was suffered to work quietly under its dispensation. The return for 1842, which was received after the closing of the Grand Lodge, is here given:

"Members of Western Star Lodge, U. D., Kaskaskia.—R. B. Servant, W. M.; G. W. Staley, S. W.; G. W. Entler, J. W.; B. P. Simmons, Sec.; Jacob Feaman, Treas.; Ignatius Spriggs, S. D.; J. L. P. Perry, J. D.; A. Keefer, Tyler. Master Masons, Michael Buyatte, James Roberts, Ferdinand Onjer, J. W. Gilliss, D. C. Jones, M. L. Brooks, W. E. Jones, Samuel F. Ashby, William Jackson, William Koker, George Brush, Passal Craddok, John Yarrantzy, Benjamin Wittsheir, Gustavus Holland." Of these Breth. Buyatte, Roberts, Onjer, and Gillis will be recognized as members of old Western Star Lodge No. 107, as early as 1819.

RIISING SUN LODGE NO. 12.

The dispensation for this Lodge was granted in 1842, to a number of brethren residing in Montrose, Lee county, Territory of Iowa. Although the Committee on Returns and Work reported that they had examined the returns and work of this Lodge, yet no returns appear in the published proceedings. This Lodge is not now in existence.

NAUVOO LODGE, U. D.

The dispensation for this Lodge was granted Oct. 15, 1841, and set to work by Grand Master Jonas, on the 15th March, 1842. From March 15, 1842, up to the sitting of the Grand Lodge, this Lodge initiated 286 candidates, and raised 243; and we must therefore be excused from giving the names. If the Lodge had been suffered to work two years longer, every Mormon in Hancock county would have been initiated. The officers of this Lodge were as follows: George Miller, W. M.; Hyrum Smith, S. W.; Lucius N. Scovill, J. W.; William Clayton, Sec.; Newel K. Whitney, Treas.; Charles Allen, S. D.; Heber C. Kimball, J. D.; Wm. Felshaw and Hyrum Clark, Stewards; Samuel Rolfe, Tyler."

We will have, further on in this History, more to say in regard to this Lodge and the men who composed it.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 13.

But one brother was raised in this Lodge during the year 1842, viz: Stephen W. Paine, March 31. January 30, Bro. M. J. Ross, who died January 28, was buried with the honors of Masonry. Bro. Ross was one of the founders of the Lodge. September 22, the Lodge resolved to apply to the Grand Lodge for a charter, and passed the following resolution:

"Also voted, That on account of the retired situation of Vermilionville, and by the advice of a number of brethren of Peru, we after mature consideration, think it for the interest of the Institution to remove this Lodge to that place, and ask the Grand Lodge to grant a charter for this Lodge at that place."

At the meeting of October 13, the name of Warren Brown appears among the members. After a careful examination and considerable inquiry, we find that it is the same Bro. Warren Brown that was at one time Secretary of Western Star Lodge No. 107. December 15, officers as follows were elected: L. Woodward, W. M.; Harmer Whitehead, S. W.; Samuel Norton, J. W.; — Hennessy, Treas.; — O'Connor, Sec.; Warren Brown, S. D.; A. Kirkpatrick, J. D.; A. Holdridge, Tyler.

WARREN LODGE, U. D.

The record of the first meeting of this Lodge we here present:

"Pursuant to a dispensation granted by A. Jonas, M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, bearing date the 16th day of July, A. D. 1841, A. L. 5841, granting to certain members of the honorable fraternity of Ancient York Masons, the privilege of opening a Lodge in Shawneetown, in the county of Gallatin and State of Illinois, a number of the Craft by previous arrangement met at their lodge-room in said town, on the 6th day of August, A. D. 1842, A. L. 5842.

"Present: Jos. J. Johnson, D. G. M. *p. t.*; H. Wilson, of Equality Lodge No. 102; J. R. Smoot, of Equality Lodge No. 102; George Darah, of Randolph Lodge No. 87, Tennessee; Alex. Kirkpatrick, S. S. Scudder, of Equality Lodge No. 102; George Cobb, E. H. Gatewood, of Equality Lodge No. 102; Wm. H. Davidson, P. Slater, Robert H. Marron, of Richmond Randolph Lodge, Virginia. The Lodge was opened in the 3d degree according to ancient form and usage, at which time the W. M., Joseph Johnson, installed according to ancient rite, R. H. Marron, W. E. H. Gatewood, S. D.; Geo. Webb, J. D.; Geo. Darah, Sec.; A. Kirkpatrick, Treas.; S. S. Scudder, S. D.; J. R. Smoot, J. D.; H. Wilson, Tyler.

"Resolved, On motion, that the By-Laws of Equality Lodge be substituted for the government of this Lodge, so far as applicable for the present, until otherwise directed.

"On motion,

"Resolved, That Bro. Johnson and Kirkpatrick be appointed to revise the By-Laws of Equality Lodge for the consideration of this Lodge, and report at our first regular Communication.

"On motion,

"Resolved, That our first regular Communication be on Saturday week next, the 13th inst. No further business appearing, this closed in due and ancient form.

(Signed)

"ROBERT MARRON, W. M.

"Test, GEO. DARAH, Sec'y."

The following is a list of raisings by this Lodge during 1842: J. H. Johnson, Sept. 28; E. Bogardus and J. B. Caldwell, Oct. 27; J. L. Campbell and William Hilburne, Nov. 24; T. G. S. Herod, F. M. Leech, Nov. 26; J. W. Tunnell and Robert Kirkham, Dec. 1; J. M. Jones and D. N. Hamilton, Dec. 3; M. Y. Johnson, Dec. 5; J. H. Hart, Dec. 8; John Galaher and James Melvin, Dec. 10; John G. Stewart, Dec. 15; E. R. Roe and G. J. Barrett, Dec. 22; C. R. Smith, Dec. 26. September 28, Bro. John T. Jones, of Jacksonville, was appointed to represent the Lodge at the next session of the Grand Lodge. At the meeting of December 1, the Steward was "directed to provide a strictly temperance lunch for each Lodge evening unless otherwise instructed."

December 27, the charter granted by the Grand Lodge was received and accepted, and the Lodge constituted as No. 14. At this meeting the following officers were elected: Joseph Johnson, W. M.; E. H. Gatewood, S. W.; E. Bogardus, J. W.; A. Kirkpatrick, Treas.; J. L. Campbell, Sec.; S. S. Scudder, S. D. and Senior Steward; J. B. Caldwell, J. D. and Junior Steward; William Hilborn, Tyler. The officers were then duly installed "at the Presbyterian Church, where an oration was delivered by Bro. Jos. Johnson." The date of dispensation given in the record of the first meeting is an error; it should have read July 16, 1842 and not 1841. Of the members whose names appear on the record as officers,

Gatewood, Scudder, and Smoot were made in Equality Lodge. Bro. Wilson joined that Lodge by affiliation, and was at one time its Master.

PEORIA LODGE, U. D.

As the record of the first meeting of this Lodge expresses much better than we could do the proceedings at its organization, we here give them entire, as well as the preliminary record, remarking that the record of the dispensation, which is recorded in full, is omitted, as it is almost exactly similar to the form now used :

"In the month of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty, ten brethren residing in Peoria, in the county of Peoria and State of Illinois, and the neighborhood, met in the second story of the house at the corner of Main and Adams Streets, in said town of Peoria, and after consultation, agreed to make application to the Grand Lodge of the said State of Illinois for a dispensation. Their names were as follows: Samuel H. Davis, Augustus O. Garrett, John King, George Farrell, James Mossman, Nathaniel Chapin, George H. Quigg, Frederick Semelroth.

"They recommended Samuel H. Davis as Master, Augustus O. Garrett as Senior Warden, and John King as Junior Warden. The application was vouched for by the Ottawa Lodge, and forwarded to the Grand Lodge to be laid before that body at its meeting in that or the ensuing month. The case came before the Grand Lodge, but as that body knew nothing of the Ottawa Lodge, (the latter working under a foreign dispensation) the application could not be granted, and thus the matter rested till December, A. D. 1841. In that month it became known that the Grand Lodge were satisfied with the regularity of the Ottawa Lodge, and accordingly accepted its recommendation for a petition; upon application therefor, a dispensation was granted.

"Under this dispensation, a number of brethren met at Garrett's Hotel, in the town of Peoria aforesaid, in a suitable room therein provided, on the night of January the 8th, A. D. 1842. Present: Samuel H. Davis, W. M.; Augustus O. Garrett, S. W.; James Mossman, J. W., *pro tem.*; William Mitchell, Sec., *pro tem.*; Peter Sweat, Treas., *pro tem.*; Andrew Hunt, S. D., *pro tem.*; Frederick Semelroth, J. D. and Tyler, *pro tem.*; George Farrell. Visitors: Samuel Rodecher, Ottawa Lodge; William Mitchell, Palatine Lodge, Sunderland, England; Peter Sweat, Andrew M. Hunt, Hannibal Lodge, Oswego county, N. Y. Entered Apprentice's Lodge opened in due form. Fellow Craft's Lodge opened in due form. Master Mason's Lodge opened in due form.

"The following brethren made application for membership, and it being declared by the Lodge a case of emergency, they were forthwith balloted for and admitted, viz.: Peter Sweat, Samuel Rodecken, Andrew

M. Hunt, and William Mitchell. The Lodge then proceeded to the election of such officers as were not appointed in the dispensation, when the following persons were unanimously elected: William Mitchell as Secretary, and Frederick Semelroth, as Tyler. Breth. Andrew M. Hunt, Peter Sweat, and Frederick Semelroth were appointed a committee to procure the necessary furniture for the Lodge.

"Breth. Mitchell, Garret, and Mossman were appointed a committee to draft Bye-Laws for the Lodge. The W. M., on motion, was added to this committee.

"On motion,

"*Resolved*, That such of the brethren as can make it convenient, will attend at the Lodge every Saturday evening, at half past six o'clock, for instruction, and that the monthly meetings be determined by the committee appointed on the Bye-Laws.

"Closed in due form (*i. e.* severally in the three degrees.)"

The dispensation was granted to Breth. Samuel H. Davis, Augustus O. Garrett, John King, "and several other brethren." Bro. Davis was named as the Master; Garrett as S. W.; and King, as J. W. It was granted January 3, 1842, by Bro. Jonas, Grand Master.

Geo. W. Rodecker, March 12; Chester Hamlin and Ralph Hamlin, March 15; George T. Metcalfe, March 19; Thomas J. Hurd, March 22; Isaac Underhill, March 26; J. D. Finch, March 29; Rodolphus Rouse, April 1; C. D. Powell and Leonard Knott, April 14; Wanton Parker, July 16; Frederick Parker, July 30; Joseph Tronstine, Sept. 12; Charles E. Mason, Sept. 17—were raised.

TEMPERANCE LODGE No. 27.

The brethren upon whom the third degree was conferred by this Lodge during the year 1842, are as follows: Julian Hulaniski, June 22; R. H. Pill, Aug. 16; John R. Hall, Aug. 24.

June 13, the following officers were elected: D. B. Hodge, W. M.; H. C. Remann, S. W.; W. T. Hopkins, J. W.; the Secretary, Treasurer, Deacons, and Tyler were re-elected.

Sept. 26, the following was passed:

"WHEREAS, It is deemed expedient and proper that Lodges within the several States should be under the jurisdiction of the respective Grand Lodges of those States; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That our representative to the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, be instructed respectfully to ask leave on the behalf of this Lodge to be relieved from the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge, for the purpose of becoming subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Illinois."

Dec. 21, the following record was made:

"Since the last meeting (Oct. 10), this Lodge discharged all dues to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and received a discharge from its juris-

diction, and an application was made to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, through the M. W. G. M. Meredith Helm, for a charter.

"This charter was received this day, the 21st Dec., and, on motion, the charter was accepted, and the blanks filled in accordance with the instructions of the Grand Secretary of Illinois, and the charter and letter of the Grand Secretary ordered to be spread upon the records of this Lodge, and that the Secretary be required to procure some safe mode of keeping the same in the Lodge, and for the convenience of visitors.

"COPY OF THE LETTER OF THE GRAND SECRETARY OF ILLINOIS ACCOMPANYING THE CHARTER OF TEMPERANCE LODGE No. 16.

"*D. B. Hodge, Esq.:*

"JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 13th, 1842.

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—By this day's mail I send you a charter. You will perceive that the names of the petitioners, Senior and Junior Wardens, and name of the Lodge are left blank, in consequence of my having no means of filling their place. Please insert them yourself. The charter would have been sent at an earlier day, but I still thought I should meet with some private conveyance.

"With great respect, I am Fraternally yours,

"W. B. WARREN.

"The W. M., D. B. Hodge, filled the blanks in the charter, and the Lodge resolved to accept the same and ordered it to be recorded, the Lodge being open on the third degree of Masonry."

Then follows the charter, which being of the same form as those used at the present day, we will omit.

Temperance Lodge No. 27 was then closed, and

TEMPERANCE LODGE No. 16

opened. "Present: D. B. Hodge, W. M.; H. C. Remann, S. W.; John R. Hall, J. W., *pro tem.*; J. D. Gorin, Treas.; Q. C. Alexander, Sec.; N. M. McCurdy, S. D.; William Hodge, J. D.; Moses Phillips, Tyler; R. H. Pill, M. M."

The Lodge then proceeded to an election of officers, which resulted in the election of the following brethren: Henry C. Remann, W. M.; William Hodge, S. W.; John R. Hall, J. W.; R. H. Pill, Treas.; D. B. Hodge, Sec.; Moses Phillips, Tyler.

Dec. 27, the Lodge assembled for the purpose of installing the officers and constituting the Lodge, but the proxy of the Grand Master (Bro. McCurdy), refused to perform that duty, whereupon the installation and constitution was postponed until the Grand Master could be corresponded with.

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND
LODGE OF MISSOURI.

FRANKLIN LODGE NO 22.

Breth. Leonard B. Adams, Jan. 25th; D. F. Wendell, June 10th, were raised. There does not appear any entries of sufficient importance to merit especial mention, except that at the meeting of Sept. 7th the Lodge was moved to Upper Alton, and that on the 17th December the following officers were elected: Charles Howard, W. M.; R. McFarland, S. W.; J. A. Maxey, J. W.; H. S. Summers, Treas.; H. P. Rundle, Sec.; D. F. Wendell, Tyler.

FAR WEST LODGE NO. 29.

We have the following information concerning this Lodge for 1842:

Oct. 15th, Bro. H. C. McGrew was raised. Dec. 17th, Nicholas Wall raised. Dec. 27th, the following officers were elected: Charles Gear, W. M.; James Rice, S. W.; H. H. Gear, J. W.; John Turney, Treas.; Richard Pattison, Sec. The following appointments were made: H. C. McGrew, S. D.; John E. Smith, J. D.; William Campbell, Tyler.

HILLSBORO NO. 33.

This Lodge was formerly called Mount Moriah, but was chartered as Hillsboro. The Master's degree was conferred on seven brethren during 1842, viz.: John P. Frame, Jan. 28th; William B. Herrick, Jan. 29th; Augustus Knight, Jan. 31st; R. W. Wellington and James Harriott, May 20th; John W. Canaday, Aug. 25th; William H. Roberts, Dec. 15th.

Aug. 18th, Bro. Blockburger, W. M., tendered his resignation, and asked a demit. Both the resignation and request were laid on the table until August 25th, and a committee appointed to take the matter into consideration. Aug. 25th, the matter was taken up, when "the charge given to the Master at his installation was read," whereupon Bro. Blockburger (who had refused to take the East), withdrew his resignation and request for a demit, and assumed his place. Sept. 15th, officers as follows were elected: Alfred Durant, W. M.; Ira Millard, S. W.; M. J. Blockburger, J. W.; John S. Hillis, Treas.; J. H. Ralston, Sec.; P. W. Millard, S. D.; Jeremiah Hart, J. D.; C. J. Richardson, Tyler.

CLINTON LODGE NO. 39.

Ten brethren were raised by this Lodge during the year 1842, viz.: E. N. Norton and A. Crane, Feb. 7th; William Wilcox, Feb. 8th; M. W.

Hall, Feb. 14th; H. S. Mills, April 5th; Charles Peters, May 9th; William Morton, June 13th; ——— Mills, July 25th; Henderson P. Boyakin, Aug. 9th; Elias S. Dennis, Oct. 28th.

Jan. 11th, the dues of Bro. Thos. Moon were remitted, and it was "*Ordered* That he pay no further dues, owing to his indigent circumstances, age, and respectability as a worthy ancient Mason." Feb. 14th, the Lodge resolved to celebrate St. John's day, (June 24th,) and invite all the surrounding Lodges, and the Secretary was directed to secure the services of Bro. N. M. McCurdy, of Vandalia, to deliver an oration. May 9th, on motion of Bro. Case, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*. By this Lodge, that we deem the drinking of ardent spirits unmasonic, and should not be tolerated among Masons.

June 24th, St. John's Day was duly celebrated, seventeen members of the Lodge being present. The visitors were numerous, and among them were C. B. Blockburger, W. M. No. 33; "Doctor Wellington," Henry P. Gay, J. S. Hillis, and A. Durant, of the same Lodge; D. B. Hodge, W. M. N. M. McCurdy, and Julian Hulaniski, of Temperance Lodge; William Sport, of Franklin Lodge; Jacob Harden, of St. Joseph Lodge, ———; William Woodburn, Cumberland Lodge No. 61, Kentucky; Jas. M. Rogers, of Coleman Lodge No. 40, Missouri; James Clark and Daniel Hamington, "transient brethren." July 11th, a petition, signed by "Breth. Moody, Hall, Barnes, Moon, Hicks, Johnson, Baker, and Barnes," asking recommendation for new Lodge at Salem, Marion county, was granted.

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Nov. 19th, 1841, a petition, signed by John Hay, P. W. Randle, T. Mitchell, L. D. Turner, William Adams, Joseph Bennett, John C. Theill, Herman Cox, J. L. Corse, F. V. Schrader, and P. Smith, praying for a dispensation to form and open a Lodge at Belleville, St. Clair county, was presented to Naphtali Lodge, St. Louis, Missouri, for recommendation, which was granted, and on the 12th of February, 1842, the dispensation was granted. Joseph Bennett was appointed W. M.; J. C. Theill, S. W.; and Herman Cox, J. W. Feb. 12th, the Lodge held its first meeting. A committee was appointed to prepare by-laws, and the petition of J. L. D. Morrison, an "Entered Apprentice of Western Star Lodge," received and referred.

In Bro. John Hay, (the first name on the petition), we recognize one that was made in Western Star Lodge among the very first, and in the year 1806.

The Lodge, during 1842, conferred the Master's degree upon J. L. D. Morrison and C. G. Y. Taylor, March 9th; Seth Catlin, Oliver Green, and W. E. Chittenden, March 10th; C. F. Flamuff and Alexander Raney, March 11th; Nathan Todd, May 3d; Ralph Crabb, May 17th;

David Wilver and George W. Hook, May 25th; Jonathan Moore and Richard Randle, July 12th; Jarvis M. Jacks, Sept. 6th; Julius Raith, Dec. 6th.

Oct. 16th, Bro. John Hay was buried with the solemnities appropriate to the occasion.

Oct. 25th, the Lodge was duly constituted as No. 60, by A. T. Douglas, Grand Visitor Grand Lodge of Missouri, and the officers, as here given, were installed: Joseph Bennett, W. M.; J. C. Theill, S. W.; P. W. Randle, J. W.; Alexander Reany, Treas.; C. G. Y. Taylor, Sec.; Oliver Green, S. D.; L. D. Turner, J. D.; J. Rankin, Tyler.

Dec. 13th, officers elected, viz.: J. C. Theill, W. M.; P. W. Randle, S. W.; C. G. Y. Taylor, J. W.; Alexander Reany, Sec.; J. Bennett, Treas.; Oliver Green, S. D.; G. W. Hook, J. D.; J. Rankin, Tyler; W. G. Goforth, Marshal.

On the seventh of July, 1842, a petition was prepared by a number of brethren residing in the town of Salem, county of Marion, praying for a dispensation to open and hold a Lodge at that place. July 11th, the petition was duly recommended, and on the fourteenth of July a dispensation was granted by Joab Bernard, Deputy Grand Master Grand Lodge of Missouri, attested by Richard B. Dallam, Grand Secretary. The petition was signed by Breth. John A. Goudy, W. H. H. Barnes, A. H. Barnes, Mathew W. Hall, B. W. Baker, Thomas Moon, S. G. Hicks, and Noah Johnson.

This Lodge conferred the Master's degree upon Breth. Justice R. Ryman and A. K. King, Sep. 26th. Oct. 27th, Bro. Douglas constituted the Lodge as No. 59, and installed John A. Goudy, as W. M.; W. H. H. Barnes, S. W.; Alexander H. Barnes, J. W.; Mathew W. Hall, Treas.

CHAPTER XVI.

1843.

The third grand communication of the present Grand Lodge was held at Jacksonville, commencing Monday, Oct. 2d, 1843. Present: M. W. Meredith Helm, G. M.; R. W. Alexander Dunlap, D. G. M.; W. Levi Lusk, S. G. W.; W. Wm. Hodge, J. G. W. *pro tem.*; W. Wm. B. Warren, G. Sec.; W. Maurice Doyle, G. Treas. *pro tem.*; W. John Bennett, G. S. D.; W. Thos. L. Harris, G. J. D.; W. S. W. Lucas, G. Pursuivant; W. A. C. Dickson, G. Marshal; W. Geo. Hackett, G. Tyler.

The following Lodges were represented:

Bodley No. 1, J. B. Conyers; Equality No. 2, W. B. Warren, (proxy); Harmony No. 3, A. V. Putnam; Springfield No. 4, Maurice Doyle; Rushville No. 9, Levi Lusk; Rising Sun No. 12, L. N. Scovill, (proxy); Temperance No. 16, W. Hodge; Macomb, U. D., James Chandler; La-Fayette, U. D., L. C. Kercheval; Clinton, U. D., John Bennett; Hancock U. D., Lewis Evans; Warsaw, U. D., A. J. Chittenden; Milwaukee, U. D., L. C. Kercheval; Nauvoo, U. D., S. Roundy; Helm, U. D., J. S. Myers; Nye, U. D., J. S. Myers; Eagle, U. D., L. N. Scovill.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and with prayer by the M. W. Grand Master.

Columbus Lodge No. 6, Friendship No. 7, Macon No. 8, Juliet No. 10, St. Johns No. 13, Warren No. 14, and Peoria No. 15, were not represented on the morning of the first day.

The M. W. Grand Master read the following message:

"BRETHREN:—We have assembled together this morning on an interesting and important occasion. Various Lodges of our ancient and honorable Order are congregated here by their respective delegates, representing, it is presumed, the collective talents, virtue, and information of the Fraternity throughout this State and part of the Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa. We have come up to be gratified with the sight of each other's faces once more; to exchange the cordial and friendly greeting: to "take sweet counsel together;" to draw still tighter the cords which unite us as a band of brothers, and to deliberate upon and finally adopt such measures as, in our opinion and hope, may conduce to the prosperity of Masonry within our borders, and perchance have a collateral

influence upon the Fraternity wheresoever dispersed. Knowing somewhat of Maſonry, and acquainted as I am with many of you, I feel it to be altogether unnecessary to remind you of those principles of our order, so essential to be observed in the prosecution of the business of this body; essential to its well-being and to a happy termination of its labors. Masons pre-eminently love order and harmony; and I doubt not you will enter upon the accomplishment of the work before you, with a prevailing disposition and a steady determination in all you say and do, to have regard to the excellent tenets of our institution: "to love as brethren; to be kindly affectionate one to another, in honor preferring one another." Union is the very soul of our associated being; selfishness, at war and incompatible with the genius and spirit of Masonry. Ambition and rivalry we know not, "except that noble emulation of who can best work and best agree." While we deliberate a few days together, my brethren, let us exemplify in our conduct these interesting traits of Masonry.

"Your officers, however deficient they may be in Masonic knowledge, and although aware of their constant liability to err, being those of your own choice, will look to you for that generous confidence which Masons only know how to bestow; and will expect your aid and support so long as they shall evince rectitude of intention, and a sincere desire to discharge their respective duties according to their best abilities. Happily, experience has taught us not to expect this in vain.

"Since your last annual meeting, I have granted dispensations for the formation of new Lodges at Warsaw, Carthage, Macomb, Chicago, Nauvoo and Pekin, in this State; at Keokuk, Iowa; and Milwaukee, Wisconsin Territory. The papers connected with these proceedings will be laid before you by the G. Secretary, for your inspection; and it will be for you to determine whether the authority granted by either of these dispensations shall now cease, or be confirmed by a permanent grant in the nature of a charter.

"The committee appointed by you to visit Nauvoo for the purpose of inquiring into certain irregularities alleged to have been committed by the Lodge there, after discharging the duty assigned them, made a report to me, concluding with a recommendation that their dispensation be continued. Accordingly, in compliance with what appeared to me, under these circumstances, to be the wish of the Grand Lodge, as implied in the resolution appointing said committee, I restored to them their dispensation. The authority therein granted now ceases, and the whole matter is again before the Grand Lodge, upon their application for a charter. This subject has heretofore excited no little discussion both in and out of this body, and the action of the Grand Lodge in reference to it has been made the object of much animadversion, criticism, and remark. Several communications from eminent and honored names in Masonry, have been addressed to me, calling in question the correctness of the course pursued by you in relation to this subject, and strongly protesting against the prudence and propriety of allowing a Masonic Lodge to exist in Nauvoo. I call your attention to these facts, solely for the purpose of suggesting that justice to our Nauvoo brethren, courtesy and respect for those who object to our past conduct towards them, and a proper regard for the good opinion and welfare of the Fraternity at large, alike require that every step of your proceedings in this matter should be marked by the utmost care, caution, and deliberation. Whatever may be your decision, be entirely satisfied that it is right and proper; overstepping no ancient landmark, and altogether congenial with the spirit, and con-

formable to the universally acknowledged principles of our Order. Should you finally determine to grant a charter to Nauvoo Lodge, and thus perpetuate its existence, I would suggest the propriety, nay, the absolute necessity, of dividing it into at least four, if not more, distinct Lodges. The number of its members is entirely too large for convenience in working, and is otherwise objectionable; a fact of which they are themselves aware. A short time ago they applied to me to divide them into several distinct Lodges; but as this application was made at a period very near to our annual meeting, I thought it proper to wait and refer the whole matter, as I now do, to the Grand Lodge.

"I am gratified at being able to inform you that the Lodge at Vandalia, availing itself of the invitation extended to it and others by resolution of the last session, and of the permission granted to it through the courtesy of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, has accepted a charter from this Grand Lodge, and is now working under our authority. It is hoped that the time is not distant, when the other Lodges in this State, similarly situated, will follow her example, and that thereby the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge will become, as of right it ought to be, co-extensive with the boundaries of the State.

"I would direct your attention in an especial manner to the doings of the late Baltimore National Convention, a copy of whose proceedings are in the possession of the Grand Secretary. It is regretted that owing to the comparatively recent organization of this Grand Lodge, and our consequent inability to spare sufficient funds for that purpose, we were unrepresented in that convention. We should not hesitate, however, to avail ourselves, as far as possible, of the benefits to accrue from their valuable labors; particularly such as were directed to the establishing a uniform mode of work. In no State, perhaps, is some authoritative standard and exposition of the lectures and work more needed than this. Coming as we do from all parts of the United States and of Europe, each bringing with him his peculiarity of mode, and a strong predilection in favor of that mode to which he has been accustomed, we necessarily differ among ourselves in many things unessential, but in some things materially. Even when these differences are not essential, and refer only to the most trifling minutiae, the beauty, regularity and harmony of the work are marred, and its facility impeded by the want of uniformity, an inconvenience which will continue to be seen and felt until the defect, slight though it be, shall be remedied. I would, therefore, respectfully recommend that you appoint at your present session a Grand Lecturer, whose duty it shall be, as soon after this convocation as may be, to proceed, at the expense of this Grand Lodge, to St. Louis, to confer with the delegates from Missouri to the Baltimore Convention, to become thoroughly instructed by them in the lectures and work as adopted by said convention, and to report the same to this Grand Lodge at its next annual convocation, for their approval or rejection. In the meantime, presuming that the said work is correct, and acting upon the necessity of adopting some standard, the Grand Lodge might require the Grand Lecturer, after having been instructed as already stated, to visit and instruct such of the Lodges, subordinate to us, as may prefer a formal request to him for that purpose, and will engage to defray his expenses while on his mission to them.

"The resolution adopted by the Baltimore Convention, recommending the formation of triennial National Conventions, together with the rules suggested for the organization of the same, are recommended to your careful consideration.

"Another resolution, adopted first by the Convention of Washington, and reiterated by that lately held at Baltimore, in relation to requiring from brethren who are strangers, certificates of good standing, emanating from the Grand Lodge from the jurisdiction of which they respectively hail, is also worthy of your serious attention.

"Fearing that you will think I have already trespassed upon your time, I shall leave to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence the task of bringing before you such matter from abroad as may be deemed worthy of your notice, and close these remarks by expressing a confident hope that your deliberations during this convocation will be characterized, in a peculiar degree, by harmony and love, and that the measures you may see proper to adopt will be wise in their conception and design, *strong* and *enduring* in their results, and beautiful as a pillar of the *Corinthian order*, enriched by the graces of the *Ionic*.

The standing committees were then announced, viz.:

On Returns and Work, Bros. Lusk, Hodge, and Conyers; on Petitions and Grievances, Scovill, Prather, and Lusk; on Finance and Accounts, Putnam, Doyle, and Dunlap; on Foreign Communications, Warren, Hodge, and McNeill; to Examine Visiting Brethren, Hackett, Bennett, and Putnam.

The message of the Grand Master was referred to the Committee on *Foreign Communications*.

In the afternoon, the Committee on Returns and Work reported Lodges Nos. 2, 4, 9, and 16 correct, and recommended the granting of charters to Macomb Lodge as No. 17, and LaFayette as No. 18, which was accordingly done, and Breth. Chandler, of No. 17, and Kercheval, of No. 18, admitted as representatives of those Lodges. During the afternoon session, Bro. Gorin appeared as the representative of Macon Lodge.

In the evening, the Committee on Returns and Work reported as follows:

"The Committee on Returns and Work of Lodges beg leave farther to report that they have examined the returns of Harmony Lodge No. 3, and Macon Lodge No. 8, and find them correct and dues paid.

"They have examined the return of Bodley Lodge No. 1, and find the work regular and dues paid.

"Your committee also report, that they have examined the records, returns, and by-laws of Carthage Lodge, U. D., and Clinton Lodge, U. D., and find them correct, dues paid, and charter desired.

"We have also examined the abstract return and by-laws of Warsaw Lodge, U. D., and from that it appears the work is correct, dues paid, and charter desired.

"Your committee have also examined the work and return of Milwaukee Lodge U. D., which appeared to be correct, dues unpaid, and charter desired.

"They have also examined the abstract return of Eagle Lodge, U. D., from which it appears that the work has been very irregular and highly censurable, in that, in as many as six instances, petitions have been presented and acted on in a shorter period than one lunar month; in every other respect the work appears to have been correct, so far as we can judge from the abstract alone.

"Your committee have examined the abstract returns of Rising Sun Lodge No. 12, Nauvoo Lodge, U. D., Nye Lodge, U. D., and Helm Lodge, U. D., but are unable to report thereupon without further explanation or amendment of returns.

"Your committee offer the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That charters be granted to Clinton Lodge, U. D., as Clinton Lodge No. 19; Hancock Lodge, U. D., as Hancock Lodge No. 20; Warsaw Lodge, U. D., as Warsaw Lodge No. 21; Milwaukee Lodge, U. D., when dues are paid, as Milwaukee Lodge No. 22.

"L. LUSK,
J. B. CONYERS.

"On motion of Bro. Warren, Bro. John Bennett was invited to take his seat as representative of Clinton Lodge No. 19; Bro. Lewis Evans as representative of Hancock Lodge No. 20; and Bro. A. J. Chittenden as representative of Warsaw Lodge No. 21."

So much of the Grand Master's address as related to Nauvoo Lodge, was referred to the Committee on Returns and Work.

The following action was had :

"Bro. Prather moved to take up an amendment to the by-laws proposed by Bro. Davis at the last annual communication, which was agreed to. The amendment read as follows :

"Each subordinate Lodge shall have authority to fix its own fees for conferring the three degrees and for membership; but no Lodge shall charge a less sum than twenty dollars, nor more than thirty for the former, and not less than two nor more than five for the latter; provided, that no charge of membership be made against those who have received the three degrees in the Lodge.

"Bro. Prather then proposed to amend said resolution by striking out the word 'twenty' and inserting the word fifteen, and by striking out the word 'thirty.'

"The W. G. Master decided that an amendment to an amendment of the by-laws, which had laid over for one year, was out of order. To this decision Bro. Prather excepted, and an appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge. The decision of the W. G. Master was sustained by the Grand Lodge—Ayes, 8; noes, 4.

"On motion of Bro. Hodge, the amendment was laid over for the present."

The amendment to the by-laws, providing for the substitution of the word "Springfield" in place of "Jacksonville," as the place of meeting, was laid over to the next day.

The amendment of Bro. S. H. Davis to the by-laws, offered the year previous, providing that whenever the average attendance at Lodge meetings shall be less than ten, such Lodge should surrender its charter, and that when the membership of a Lodge exceeded fifty, it should be divided, was taken up and lost—"Ayes, 1; nays, 15."

The Grand Marshal was directed to make arrangements for a procession on the next day, at 11 o'clock.

Tuesday morning, the Grand Lodge was called to labor at 8½ o'clock.

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Grand Lodge then went into an election, resulting in the election of M. W. Alexander Dunlap, of Jacksonville, G. M.; R. W. Levi Lusk, of Rushville, D. G. M.; W. William Hodge, of Vandalia, S. G. W.; Henry Prather, of Decatur, J. G. W.; Wm. B. Warren, of Jacksonville, G. Sec.; Adams Dunlap, of Rushville, D. G. Sec.; P. Coffman, of Jacksonville, G. Treas.; H. S. Cooley, of Quincy, G. O.; G. A. Patterson, of Decatur, G. C.; George Hackett, of Jacksonville, G. Tyler.

Appointment as follows were made: J. B. Conyers, of Quincy, G. S. D.; John Bennett, of Petersburg, G. J. D.; P. Underwood, of Virginia, G. Marshal; L. C. Kercheval, of Chicago, G. Steward; P. J. Zwislser, of Springfield, G. S. B.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the Methodist Church, where an oration was delivered by Bro. Cooley, and upon returning, the Grand Lodge was called off until 2 o'clock P. M., at which time it was again called to labor, when the officers were duly installed.

The amendment to the by-laws, changing the place of meeting, was taken up and lost.

On motion of Bro. Bennett, the Grand Secretary was directed to discontinue the practice of publishing in the proceedings the personal description of rejected petitioners.

The Grand Lodge having resolved to elect a Grand Lecturer, a ballot for that purpose was had, and Levi Lusk was elected.

On motion of P. G. Master Helm, the Grand Lecturer was directed to proceed to St. Louis, and there meet the delegates to the Baltimore Convention, and perfect himself in the work, which was to be imparted to the Lodges upon their request and at their expense. The Grand Lodge was then called from labor.

At seven o'clock, the Grand Lodge again convened, when the Committee on Returns and Work reported that the returns of Friendship Lodge No. 8 were correct, also Cass Lodge U. D., to which latter a charter was granted as No. 23.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts made their report, as follows:

"The committee on Finance and Accounts have examined the accounts of the Grand Marshal, Grand Tyler, and the report of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

"The Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Illinois begs leave to report, that he has in his hands twenty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents, in good

money; that he received from the Grand Secretary at the last Annual Communication, in State Bank paper.....	\$240 00
That he paid to Grand Charity.....	\$50 00
For printing.....	34 00
	<hr/> 84 00

Balance in his hands, State paper	\$156 00
And good money	28 25
"All of which is respectfully submitted.	

" P. COFFMAN.

"The following is a statement of the finances :

RECEIPTS.

In hands of Treasurer, State Bank paper, \$156, equal to.....	\$78 00
In hands of Treasurer, par funds.....	28 00
In hands Grand Secretary	318 00
	<hr/> \$424 65

EXPENDITURES.

By G. Marshal, as per bill with vouchers.....	\$20 00
By G. Tyler.....	10 25
Due estate of General Adams.....	121 84
	<hr/> \$152 56

Balance in Treasury after paying the Adam's debt	\$271 97
"All of which is respectfully submitted.	

"A. V. PUTNAM,
A. DUNLAP."

GRAND SECRETARY :

1843.] *In account with Grand Lodge, Ill.:*

To cash on hand, \$40 St. Louis scrip, equal to	\$32 25
" on hand.....	14 62
" State paper of Treas., \$50, equal to.. ..	20 00
" rec'd since last communication, of Nauvoo.....	92 00
" Warsaw, for dispensation and dues.	22 75
" Hancock, for dispensation and dues.....	25 00
" Helm, for dispensation and dues.....	18 00
" Macomb, for dispensation and dues.....	25 75
" Nye, for dispensation and dues.....	25 00
" Pekin, for dispensation and dues.....	13 00
" Eagle, for dispensation and dues.....	19 00
" Milwaukee, for dispensation and dues.....	13 00
" Lafayette, for dispensation and dues.....	29 50
" Rushville, for dispensation and dues.....	27 75
" Springfield, for dues.....	24 75
" Clinton, for dues.....	10 00
" Equality, for dues.....	15 00
" Vandalia, for dues.....	13 50
" Peoria, (\$14 Shawneetown, \$6 State Bank,)	10 00
	<hr/> \$454 12

CONTRA :

By expenses, self, Bro. Nye and Rodgers, as per bill rendered.....	\$50 12½
Paid for printing.....	28 31
Paid for Magazine.....	2 00
Paid for postage.....	1 88
Paid for Stationery.....	1 15
Services as Grand Secretary.....	50 00
	<hr/> 133 56
	<hr/> \$308 56

A vote of thanks (on motion of Bro. Hodge), was tendered M. W. Bro. Helm, for the "able, dignified, and courteous manner" in which he presided over the deliberations of the Grand Lodge.

The following petition from Friendship Lodge was rejected :

"To the M. W. Grand Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois:

"Your petitioners, the officers and members of Friendship Lodge No. 7, respectfully represent, that in their returns to the Grand Lodge, they have reported a brother expelled from the Lodge, and they are desirous of publishing his name and description to the world themselves, and they ask leave of the R. W. Grand Lodge to do so."

The Committee on Returns and Work made an additional report, as follows, which was adopted :

"The Committee on Returns and Work of Lodges beg leave to report : That they have examined the abstract returns from Rising Sun Lodge No. 12, from which it appears that the work has been irregular, and that the return is altogether informal, and dues unpaid.

"They have also examined the abstract returns of Nauvoo Lodge, U. D., and they find the work in some measure correct, but in many instances there appear irregularities, and matters to our committee inexplicable. The Lodge has failed to bring their record before the committee, which to some of your committee, at least, is a matter of surprise, knowing, as they do, the severe lesson the said Lodge was taught at the last Grand Communication. The greatest irregularity of which your committee would complain is, that there appears to be a disposition to accumulate and gather members without regard to character, and to push them on through the second and third degrees, before they can be possibly skilled in the first and second. Your committee are aware that there is no by-law of this Grand Lodge to prevent this; nor are they sure that any length of probation would in all cases insure skill; but they feel certain that the ancient landmarks of the order require that the Lodge should know that the candidate is well skilled in one degree, before he is advanced to another. Your committee will not doubt but there are many worthy and skillful brethren in Nauvoo Lodge; brethren who would under other circumstances be an ornament to the institution of Masonry; but they are reassured that their influence is entirely lost and obscured by the conduct of others less worthy; nay, of those who entirely disregard the ties that should bind us together as scared a band of friends and brothers.

"Your committee have also had under consideration the abstract return of Helm Lodge, U. D., and find their work irregular in receiving and acting on four petitions in one day; and imprudent in passing and raising to the third degree, often times within two days after initiation, as appears from the abstract alone; for no records have been presented, and dues in part unpaid.

"The returns from Nye Lodge, U. D., are objectionable in the same points that those of Helm Lodge are, viz.: in receiving petitions on one day, and initiating on the next, in as many as six instances. And also in pushing the candidate through the second and third degrees, before he can possibly be skilled in the preceding degrees. The dues appear to be paid.

"Your committee have been at a great loss to know what course to recommend in relation to the above named Lodge; and also to Eagle Lodge, U. D., heretofore reported, but on which there was no action.

"That their work is highly censurable, there is no doubt in the minds of your committee; but whether that censure should extend so far as to arrest their charter, or suspend their dispensation, is a matter of which your committee would be most gladly relieved; were this *all*, your committee would be inclined to the side of mercy; but from facts that have been communicated to your committee through various channels, and particularly through Masons of eminence, who have visited the Lodge at Nauvoo, your committee have good reason to believe that they put on their best dress when they appear before this Grand Lodge.

"Your committee will offer the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That the charter of Rising Sun Lodge No. 12, be suspended, and that the Master and Wardens be cited to appear at the next grand annual communication of this Grand Lodge, to show cause, if any they have, why their charter should not be revoked.

"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is inexpedient and prejudicial to the interests of Freemasonry, longer to sustain a Lodge in Nauvoo; and for the disrespect and contempt that Nauvoo Lodge and Helm Lodge have shown in refusing to present the records of their work to this Grand Lodge,

"*Resolved*, That their dispensations be and they are hereby revoked and charters refused.

"*Resolved*, That for irregular work and disregard of the resolutions and instructions of this Grand Lodge, the dispensations of Eagle Lodge and Nye Lodge are hereby revoked and charters refused.

"Your committee further report, that no returns have been received from the following named Lodges, viz.: Juliet No. 10, Warren No. 14, Peoria No. 15, Kaskaskia, U. D., and Ottawa, U. D.

"Your committee offer the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to correspond with the above named Lodges, and ascertain the excuses of said Lodges for not making their annual returns, and report the same to the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

"L. LUSK,
J. B. CONYERS,
W. HODGE."

Breth. Helm and Chittenden were granted leave of absence.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until Wednesday morning.

Wednesday the Grand Lodge was called to labor.

The Grand Secretary made the following report:

"The undersigned, having been appointed a special delegate by this Grand Lodge to visit the Grand Lodge of Missouri, at her last annual communication,

and confer with her on the subject of the subordinate Lodges in this State working under her jurisdiction, performed that duty, and now submits to this R. W. Grand Lodge the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri on that subject.

"Your delegate can not take leave of this subject without expressing the pleasure he received from the kind attention which was paid to this R. W. Grand Lodge through their delegate—evinced a disposition on the part of that R. W. Grand Lodge, cordially to reciprocate those fraternal relations which do, and of right should, characterize the Masonic family.

"W. B. WARREN."

Bro. Warren, from the Committee on Foreign Communications, reported as follows:

"The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Communications begs leave to report that he had indulged a hope until a late hour, that the report would have been written out by another member of the committee, and regrets exceedingly that he can not spare the time from his occupation, as Grand Secretary, to take a more extended view of the very interesting correspondence which has come under his notice. Communications and printed journals have been received from the following Grand Lodges, viz.: Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Connecticut, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Alabama, Missouri, Mississippi, Arkansas, Florida, and the Republic of Texas.

"In these communications very many things of interest and instruction to the Craft are noticed; many of which should, if time permitted, be brought before this Grand Lodge for its action.

"Your committee have read them with pride and pleasure, evidencing as they do, that the star of Masonry, 'that star which guided the wise men of the East,' is tending upward and onward, bright and brighter, not only over this Union, but throughout the habitable globe; and he who is in possession of that *universal language*, is hailed and embraced as a brother, whether wandering through the green forests of America, over the burning sands of Palestine, or wending his way along the gloomy banks of the Ganges. The increased intelligence of the Craft, together with the very increased attention to the various duties of the Order, give earnest that a spirit of peace and brotherly love is abroad in the land.

"At a time when the embarrassments of the country stand unparalleled in the history of our republic, it might have been expected that an institution whose basis is charity and the practice of the social and moral relations of man, would have languished. Its failure to do so, is another and an unerring testimony that an All-Seeing Eye is in a peculiar manner overlooking the interest of the Masonic Fraternity.

"Your committee beg leave to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the very able address of Grand Master Helm, as embracing most of the subjects upon which your committee would recommend the action of the Grand Lodge.

"W. B. WARREN."

The subject of Grand Lodge certificates, alluded to in the address of the M. W. G. Master, was referred to Breth. Conyers, Prather, and Bennett.

Resolutions of thanks to the Grand Orator and the Methodist Church were passed.

At the afternoon session, the committee to whom was referred the matter of certificates, reported as follows :

"The committee to whom was referred that part of our M. W. Past Grand Master Helm's message, the subject of Grand Lodge certificates, have had the same duly under consideration, and beg leave to offer the following resolutions :

"1st. *Resolved*, That this R. W. Grand Lodge recommend to the subordinate Lodges working under her jurisdiction, that they acknowledge no certificates presented by strange brethren, but such as have emanated from the respective Grand Lodge from which they hail ; and further, that they admit no strange brethren within their charities or visitors but such as present certificates as above.

"2d. *Resolved*, That this R. W. Grand Lodge, request other grand and subordinate Lodges throughout the Globe, to pay no attention to certificates purporting to come from subordinate Lodges working under this Grand Lodge, nor permit any Mason hailing from under their jurisdiction, to visit their Lodges or partake of their charities, unless they present a certificate from this Grand Lodge, signed by the M. W. Grand Master and attested by the Grand Secretary, and the seal of the Grand Lodge.

"3d. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish subordinate Lodges with a sufficient number of blank certificates as soon as practicable, that the subordinate Lodges may be prepared to furnish their members without delay.

"4th. *Resolved*, That the Secretaries of the subordinate Lodges working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be required to register the names of those to whom certificates may be issued, and report the same in their annual returns to this Grand Lodge.

"J. B. CONYERS."

The first resolution was laid over one year, and the remainder adopted. The following was passed :

"Bro. Putnam offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be required to furnish one hundred and fifty certificates, printed on parchment, and furnish to each subordinate Lodge such a number as they may order ; and such subordinate Lodges be required to pay the Grand Secretary fifty cents each for said certificates."

Bro. Grand Secretary was instructed to purchase a library of ancient authority, for the use of this R. W. Grand Lodge ; also, to have the proceedings of this Grand Communication, together with the constitution and by-laws, printed and distributed as usual.

The Grand Lodge then closed.

Nauvoo, Helm, and Nye Lodges were located at Nauvoo, and were composed mainly of Mormons. Eagle Lodge, at Keokuk, was of the same character. These Lodges were the result of a division of Nauvoo Lodge, and were never chartered.

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The membership of the Lodges this year was as follows : Bodley No. 1, 25 ; Equality No. 2, 22 ; Harmony No. 3, 17 ; Springfield No. 4, 41 ; Columbus No. 6, 13 ; Friendship No. 7, 22 ; Macon No. 8, 22 ; Rushville No. 9, 26 ; Juliet No. 10, 14 ; Rising Sun No. 12, 45 ; St. John's No. 13, 13 ; Warren No. 14, 32 ; Peoria No. 15, not returned ; Temperance No. 16, 24 ; Macomb No. 17, 18 ; LaFayette No. 18, 21 ; Clinton No. 19, 14 ;

Hancock No. 20, 16; Warsaw No. 21, 14; Milwaukee No. 22, 17; Cass, No. 23, 13; Pekin, U. D., 10. Total reported, 439.

BODLEY LODGE NO. 1.

The raisings during 1843 were as follows: Robert S. Williams, Feb. 6; J. C. Headley, Feb. 20; — Van Fleet, Sept. 15; John B. Young, Oct. 22; J. H. Ralston, Oct. 24; Levi Palmer, Nov. 15.

March 2, charges preferred against two brethren were withdrawn, the brethren having made all proper confessions, and having expressed their sorrow and regret. Intemperance was the cause assigned. May 1, among the visitors we find the name of Stephen A. Douglas. June 6, an invitation from St. John's Lodge, at Hannibal, to join with them in celebrating St. John's Day, was accepted, twenty-five brethren having agreed to attend. June 20, the committee appointed to make arrangements reported that they had secured the steamboat "Sarah Ann" for the trip. July 11, the Lodge interred the remains of Thomas C. Grant, a "stranger brother," who died July 10, and whose residence was "St. Mary's Landing, Arkansas," and who was "aged about 42." Sept. 29, the following action was had:

"Resolved, That we respectfully ask the attention of the members of the Grand Lodge and delegates to carefully examine into and consider well on the propriety of granting a charter to Nauvoo Lodge, U. D., and that it is our decided conviction that said dispensation should never have been granted, and from what we have seen and heard from sources to be relied on, that it would be unwise to grant a charter or continue a dispensation longer among that people."

On motion of E. M. Davis,

"Resolved, further, That the delegates from this Lodge to the Grand Lodge be instructed to vote against the granting of charter to any Lodge in Nauvoo, and use all their endeavors to procure a withdrawal of the dispensations now granted."

Passed unanimously.

Oct. 30, Bro. John Lee, who died Oct. 28, was buried with Masonic honors. No administrator of the property of Bro. Lee having been designated, Bro. Asbury was requested by the Lodge to act as such, and it was resolved that "immediate care" should be taken of Bro. Lee's orphan children. Dec. 26, officers were elected as follows: Josiah B. Conyers, W. M.; J. Hedges, S. W.; J. C. Headley, J. W.; Damon Hauser, Treasurer; C. Steinagle, Secretary; H. S. Cooley and Levi Palmer, Deacons; and Abraham Van Fleet, Tyler. The officers were then installed.

EQUALITY LODGE NO. 102.

This Lodge reported the following raisings during the year 1843: Benjamin Irish, April 1st; William Ellage, July 1st.

June 24th, the following officers were elected: J. E. Watkins, W. M.; A. W. Pool, S. W.; John R. Smoot, J. W.; R. T. Hopper, Sec.; J. W. Hamilton, Treas.; John M. Leech, S. D.; Benj. Irish, J. D.; John Howard, Tyler.

Dec. 27th, the following were elected: John M. Leech, W. M.; A. W. Pool, S. W.; J. W. Hamilton, J. W.; R. T. Hopper, Sec.; Wm. Siddall, Treas.; Jos. E. Watkins and John M. Burnett, Deacons; William Ellage, Tyler. At this meeting the charter of the Lodge as No. 2, issued by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, was received, whereupon Equality Lodge No. 102 "adjourned *sine die*," and "Equality Lodge No. 2 was opened on the first, second and third degrees of Masonry."

HARMONY LODGE NO. 3.

The return of this Lodge to the Grand Lodge, which is all the information concerning the Lodge during this year we are in possession of, is as follows:

"RETURN OF HARMONY LODGE NO. 3, JACKSONVILLE.

"A. V. Putnam, W. M.; W. W. Happy, S. W.; J. A. McDougal, J. W.; W. B. Warren, Sec.; Matt. Stacy, Treas.; J. T. Sigler, S. D.; J. M. Lucas, J. D.; A. C. Dickson, Tyler.

"MASTER MASONS.—(Including above) S. W. Lucas, John T. Jones, Philip Coffman, A. Dunlap, John Gregory, George Hackett, Dennis Rockwell, James T. Holmes, Clark Roberts.

SPRINGFIELD LODGE NO. 4.

The Master's degree was conferred upon the following brethren during 1843: N. W. Matheny and William Wilkey, Jan. 19th; N. B. Heath, Feb. 12th; Eli Cook, Sep. 30th.

Feb. 13th, the Lodge resolved to celebrate the 22d February, and appointed a committee of arrangements to carry the resolution into effect. Invitations were ordered to issue to the Lodges at Jacksonville, Decatur, Petersburg, and Virginia. Breth. Weber, Zwislser, and Harvey were appointed a committee to invite P. G. M. Jonas to deliver an oration on the occasion. Feb. 17th, the committee reported that Bro. Jonas had signified his acceptance of the invitation to be present and deliver an oration on the 22d instant. The Washingtonian Temperance Society were invited to assist in the celebration. Feb. 22d, the day was duly celebrated, an oration being delivered and dinner partaken of, at which the Governor, Lieut. Governor, Judges of the Supreme Court, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives were present by invitation. On returning to the hall, a vote of thanks was passed, to Bro. Jonas for his oration, and to the "Military Company of Cadets for their handsome escort," and the Secretary ordered to send copies of the same to Bro. Jonas and "Captain Johnson."

Feb. 27th, five hundred copies of Bro. Jonas' address were ordered printed, and on motion of Bro. S. H. Treat, ordered distributed as follows: "Five copies to each of the Lodges in the State; five copies to each of the Lodges in St. Louis; one copy to each of the Grand Lodges in the United States, and twelve copies to Bro. Jonas." On motion of Bro. Shepherd, each member of the Lodge was presented with five copies, and on motion of Bro. Treat, 25 copies were ordered to be filed "for future use and reference."

April 10th, the Lodge decided that in the future no brother should be advanced until he had made suitable proficiency in the preceding degree, which was to be tested by an examination in open Lodge, or by a committee appointed for the purpose.

June 6th, the Lodge accepted an invitation extended by Clinton Lodge, at Petersburg, to celebrate St. John's Day. June 26th, an invitation from "the Committee of Arrangements, at Rochester, to celebrate with them the anniversary of American Independence, was respectfully declined." A resolution was introduced amending the by-laws, inso-much as they required elections of officers semi-annually, by providing for such elections annually, on the 27th December. Officers for the six months next ensuing were then elected, with the following result: Francis A. McNeill, W. M.; James Zwisler, S. W.; George R. Weber, J. W.; Maurice Doyle, Treasurer; N. W. Matheny, Secretary; James Maxcy, Tyler. The following appointments were made: N. A. Garland and C. W. Chatterton, Deacons; James Shepherd, Master of Ceremonies. The Finance Committee reported the Lodge indebted to the Treasurer seventy-eight dollars and twenty-six cents. Sept. 4th, the Lodge resolved to confer the degrees of Masonry upon ministers free of charge, provided they devoted their whole time to their profession.

Dec. 27th, on motion of Bro. Helm, the following was adopted:

"1st. *Resolved*, That hereafter the Lodge shall be opened *punctually* at the appointed hour: *Provided*, that sufficient number of members be present.

"2d. *Resolved*, That immediately after the opening of the Lodge at each meeting, the Secretary shall call over a list of the members, arranged in alphabetical order, and mark the absentees. That the list of said absentees shall again be called over just before the closing of the Lodge. That each absentee at the opening of the Lodge, if then present, shall rise as his name is called and offer his excuse for his previous absence, the sufficiency or insufficiency of which shall be determined by the presiding officer, subject to an appeal to the Lodge, which appeal shall be decided immediately and without debate. That each absentee who shall not answer to his name on the second calling of the roll, or whose excuse shall not be deemed sufficient, shall be fined, if either of the three first officers, the Secretary or the Tyler, one dollar; if any other officer, fifty cents; if a private member, twenty-five cents, which shall be immediately charged by the Secretary to the aforesaid absentee, in his current account with the Lodge.

"3d. *Resolved*, That if at any subsequent meeting of the Lodge, an absentee shall present an excuse for absence from a previous meeting or meetings, which shall be deemed sufficient by the presiding officer, or by the Lodge, when appealed to, the Secretary shall thereupon immediately credit the said absentee to a corresponding amount by fine or fines remitted, in his account current with the Lodge.

"4th. *Resolved*, That no excuse, except unavoidable absence from the town, sickness of self or family, indispensable engagements in our usual avocations, attendance at a religious meeting, or some peculiar emergency, to be judged of by the presiding officer, or by the Lodge as aforesaid, shall be deemed sufficient to justify the remission of a fine.

"5th. *Resolved*, That any member who shall leave the Lodge room while the Lodge is open without permission first obtained of the presiding officer, shall be fined at the discretion of the said presiding officer, and it is hereby made the imperative duty of the said officer thereby, and invariably to enforce their rules, subject to decision of the Lodge.

"6th. *Resolved*, That in addition to tying the Lodge faithfully, it is the duty of the Tyler to keep the lodge-room and furniture clean, neat, and in good order, to go on messages, serve summons, light the candles, make fires and provide water, fresh and otherwise suitable to drink, punctually by the appointed hour of meetings. That in default of the performance of either or all the duties, partially or wholly, he shall be fined by the W. Master, to an amount which shall be discretionary with the said Master, subject to an appeal by the Tyler from his decision to that of the Lodge.

The amendment offered by Bro. Shepherd, June 26th, changing the duration of time for which officers were elected, must have been adopted, although no record appears that it was, for on the 27th of December officers were elected for "twelve months." The officers elected were: James Zwisler, W. M.; George R. Weber, S. W.; N. A. Garland, J. W.; Maurice Doyle, Treasurer; Edward Jones, Secretary. The Committee on Finance reported that the Lodge "stood indebted to him (Bro. Doyle), in the sum of one hundred and twenty-eight dollars and fourteen cents." A letter being received from Bro. Lusk, the Grand Lecturer, intimating that he would visit the Lodge on January 12th and 13th, the installation was postponed until his arrival.

COLUMBUS LODGE NO. 6.

In the absence of any other information regarding this Lodge, we present its return to the Grand Lodge:

"RETURN OF COLUMBUS LODGE No. 6, COLUMBUS.

"A. Jonas, W. M.; Samuel Smith, S. W.; George W. Thompson, J. W.; A. Touzalin, Treas.; W. D. McCann, Sec.; L. Griffing, S. D.; D. P. McNeill, J. D.; William Bayne and C. N. Williams, Stewards; A. J. Short, Tyler.

"*Master Masons*.—A. Jonas, W. D. McCann, Daniel Harrison, L. Griffing, George W. Thompson, M. L. Hudnall, W. H. Chapman, Thomas Durant, M. L. Williams.

"*Fellow Craft*.—James Baggs.

"*Entered Apprentices*.—George O. Pond, James B. Johnson."

FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 7.

The brethren who attained to the Master's degree in this Lodge during 1843, are as follows: Charles T. Chase, Feb. 10; G. W. Chase, March 9; J. Alfred Helfenstein, Dec. 14.

Feb. 7, "at his especial request," the Lodge buried with the usual solemnities the remains of their departed brother, Smith Gilbreth.

Feb. 9, "the two Chases" were initiated. April 13, charges having been preferred against a brother, "he was permitted to tell his story in his own way; this story having been heard at full length, and he having explained the matter to the entire satisfaction of the Lodge, motioned and carried in the affirmative, that Bro. — be fully acquitted of the charges made against him." There is no record of the *other* story being heard. June 8, the following officers were elected for the ensuing twelve months: Charles T. Chase, W. M.; James Campbell, S. W.; Horace Preston, J. W.; D. B. McKenny, Sec'y; James McKenny, Treasurer: Nathan Morehouse, S. D.; Stephen Fuller, J. D.; William Rogers and A. Brown, Stewards; Joseph Mason, Tyler.

MACON LODGE NO. 8.

The only member added to this Lodge by raising, during 1843, was E. D. Carter, March 20.

Feb. 21, the Lodge addressed an invitation to the "Washingtonian Temperance Society," to join in the celebration of "the birthday of the illustrious father of the country." Feb. 22, the day was duly celebrated, the Lodge proceeding to the Court House in procession, where an oration was delivered by Bro. J. H. Matheny. Upon returning to the hall, an answer to their invitation extended to the Temperance Society was read, which was deemed so discourteous that it was ordered to be returned "without note or comment." A vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Matheny. On motion of Bro. Gorin,

"*Ordered*, That the thanks of this Lodge be returned to each of the ladies composing the choir of the Masonic celebration of the 22d inst."

March 11, a resolution was passed providing that the officers should be elected at the regular meetings preceding the anniversaries of the Sts. John. March 18, a resolution providing for subscription for one copy of "C. W. Moore's magazine" was lost. March 20, the financial reports to the Lodge showed that the debts due to, and cash in the treasury of the Lodge, amounted to \$73.20; debts due by the Lodge, \$91.48, which was \$18.28 more than the Lodge owned. May 30, Bro. Gorin wanted to fine all members who were absent three regular meetings consecutively, but the Lodge refused to sustain him. We are inclined to the belief that he has materially changed his mind since that time. The custom of fining members for non-attendance was at that time almost universally practiced, but as it was a plain violation of that portion of the charge to the E. A. where he is told that on no account should he neglect his business, the custom was soon dropped, and never since revived. The practice, too, of paying dues, in those days was somewhat different from the

present. It was the custom at that time to charge so much per meeting, which was generally paid at the close of the evening session. This, however, soon became a very great bother, and the present system of annual and semi-annual dues was adopted, although there are some Lodges in which a quarterly payment of dues is still exacted. It is useless to require payment of dues oftener than once in each year, at the time of election. It simplifies the accounts of the Lodge, is much easier on the Secretaries, who have, as a general thing, plenty to do, and gives less room for mistakes, and sometimes hard feelings.

May 28th, the following officers were elected: Joseph King, W. M.; J. R. Gorin, S. W.; J. Y. Braden, J. W.; H. J. Armstrong, Treas.; W. B. Bosworth, Sec.; James Ashton, Steward and Tyler.

Sept. 2d, charges were preferred against a brother, and referred to a committee, which committee, on the 5th of September, reported the testimony taken, and wound up their report by a resolution declaring the brother expelled. The report and resolution was laid upon the table until the next regular communication; but on the 6th of September, the vote laying the report on the table was reconsidered, and the report put to vote and lost. One would naturally suppose that that ended the matter; but it did not, for on the 7th of October the vote on the adoption of the report, by which it was lost, was reconsidered, the report and resolution taken up, discussed, put to vote, and carried, and the brother expelled. Verily, in the matter of trials, our forefathers were somewhat deficient. Nov. 4th, the Building Committee reported that the expenses of the building had, up to that time, amounted to \$650.16, of which \$354.47 had been paid, leaving a balance of \$303.69 unpaid; that the subscriptions of sundry brethren in Decatur and Springfield, which remained unpaid, amounted to \$98.25; leaving \$205.44 to be provided for. The following officers were elected at this meeting: Henry Prather, W. M.; H. J. Armstrong, S. W.; W. B. Bosworth, J. W.; H. Robinson, Treas.; J. J. Peddicord, Sec.; Henry Hummell, Steward and Tyler.

RUSHVILLE LODGE NO. 9.

The brethren raised by this Lodge during 1843, were Andrew LeCroix, Geo. Edgar, Wm. A. Richardson, Peter C. Vance, and Edward G. Curtis. We are unable to give the date of these raisings, and, in fact, nothing beyond the return, which is here given:

"RETURN OF RUSHVILLE LODGE NO. 9.—RUSHVILLE.

"James L. Anderson, M.; Wm. A. Richardson, S. W.; Hart Fellows, J. W.; James McCrosky, Treas.; Adams Dunlap, Sec.; John B. Seeley, S. D.; George Edgar, J. D.; T. G. Garrett, S. and T.

"*Master Masons*.—James L. Anderson, Levi Lusk, John Todhunter, Alexander Brazleton, William Edgar, Marshall Smith, Nathan Brooks,

Peter C. Vance, Edward G. Curtis, Andrew LeCroix, William Davis, Josiah Parrott, James H. Chick, Louis Horton, Abner McDowell, Samuel McHatton, Henry Murray, Rensselaer Wells.

"Fellow Crafts.—Isaac Greer, Joseph Montgomery, Isaac Ewing, A. H. Berry.

"Entered Apprentices.—George B. Rogers, Tydence W. Lane, John Blackford, Irwin Lemaster, Solomon C. Waid, Wm. H. Crawford, Louis Robertson, Abraham Tolles."

JULIET LODGE NO. 10.

We are unable to obtain any information concerning this Lodge, beyond its return to the Grand Lodge:

"RETURN OF JULIET LODGE NO. 10.—JULIET.

"Norman Hawley, W. M.; Elias Havens, S. W.; Joel George, J. W.; James Browdee, Treas.; Thomas J. Wade, Sec.; Jared Runyan, S. D.; Thomas J. Thinney, J. D.; William E. Little, Steward; Robert G. Cook, Tyler.

"Master Masons.—Joel A. Matteson, David L. Gregg, Joshua Rucker, Henry G. Brown, Hiram Blanchard, Joshua Smith.

"Entered Apprentice.—Lewis Kerchival."

RISING SUN LODGE NO. 12.

The return of this Lodge to the Grand Lodge is here given:

"RETURN OF RISING SUN LODGE NO. 12.—MONTROSE, IOWA.

"Stephen H. Bennett, W. M.; D. C. Davis, S. W.; C. Williams, J. W.; James Anderson, Treas.; Samuel Wood, Sec.; Wm. Vanansdell, S. D.; D. A. Pettigrew, J. D.; D. P. Fouts, Hiram Mott, Stewards; Elisha Smith and H. Williams, Tylers.

"Master Masons.—Thomas King, John Patten, David Pettigrew, Joseph A. Swasey, Luther Fuller, Chapman Duncan, Eli Day, Wheeler Baldwin, Daniel P. Fouts, Lewis L. Dalrymple, Chas. W. Patten, Wm. W. Willis, David Jacobs, William Smith, Daniel R. Williams, Truman Trion, Charles B. Swasey, Samuel Conrad, John Killiam, Gabriel N. Taylor, Ephraim Meckam, Samuel Wood, Isaac Paschal, John L. Hunsaker, Wm. Eaton, Nathaniel Lacroë, Charles Hunt, Abram Day, Isaac Harrison, Samuel M. Hough, D. U. H. Spinning, Russell P. Baldwin, Emanuel Hickcock.

"Fellow Crafts.—John Spain, Abel Mott.

"Entered Apprentices.—James Lemmon, Samuel Brierly, Wm. R. Smith."

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 13.

The following brethren received the Master's degree in this Lodge during 1843: W. J. Cox, May 11; E. M. Moore, June 7; G. W. Gilson, Aug. 3.

On the 7th of June the Lodge elected officers as follows: Warren Brown, W. M.; Herman Whitehead, S. W.; A. O'Connor, J. W.; E. M. Moore, Sec.; Asa Holdridge, Treas.; Samuel Norton, S. D.; W. J. Cox, J. D.; L. Woodward, Tyler.

On the minutes of July 6 we find the following entry: "The charter was received from the Grand Lodge, and by a vote of the Lodge accepted, and voted, that the blank for J. W., that became vacant by the decease of our lamented brother, M. J. Ross, be filled by Bro. Ambrose O'Connor."

Nov. 30, the Lodge again held an election. Bro. Brown was re-elected W. M. Bro. Norton was promoted from S. D. to S. W. Bro. Holdridge from Treas. to J. W. Bro. Whitehead exchanged places with Bro. Holdridge, and became Treasurer. Bro. O'Connor was relieved from the superintendency of the Craft, and elected to take charge of the records. Bro. G. W. Gilson made his first official appearance as S. D. Bro. Moore was relieved of the records, and placed as J. D., while Bro. Woodward still held the post of Tyler.

WARREN LODGE NO. 14.

The following brethren received the sublime degree of Master Mason in this Lodge during the year 1843: Ben. Bruce, Jan. 21; William N. Dobbins, March 18; J. B. Kelly, March 25; E. J. Nicholson, April 14; Woods M. Hamilton, Dec. 9.

The record of the meeting of the 16th March is surrounded by heavy black lines, and records the fact that on that day the Lodge interred the remains of Bro. William Hillborn. March 18, a petition from sundry brethren at New Haven, praying for a recommendation to their petition for a new Lodge, was "received and placed on file." April 15, "it was moved and seconded that the New Haven brethren re-consider their petition to this Lodge praying to be recommended to the Grand Lodge." This we presume was done, as it was a great many years afterwards that New Haven Lodge was set to work. May 22 is another mourning record; this time for "Bro. John M. Robinson, who departed this life in his 50th year, at *Ottaway*, in this State, on the 26th day of April, 1843, and taken to Carmi, his place of residence, by E. B. Webb." After making suitable arrangements, the Lodge called off to meet "at Carmi, at the Court House," which was done, and the funeral service properly attended to. On the 24th June, officers as follows were elected: E. H. Gatewood, W. M.; Edward Bogardus, S. W.; T. G. S. Herod, J. W.; Alex. Kirkpatrick, Treas.; M. Y. Johnson, Sec.; and the following appointments made: J. W. Tunnell, S. D.; J. S. Roberts, J. D.; J. M. Burnett, Tyler. July 22, the records are again in mourning. Bro. John Campbell, who died on July 21, at 12 o'clock midnight, was buried with the honors of the Fraternity. In order to do this the Lodge proceeded to New Haven, where Bro. Campbell resided. August 19, Bro. Warren,

the Grand Secretary, was present and presided, a called meeting having been convened to do honor to the brother for whom their Lodge was named. The Lodge was destined to mourn during 1843, for around the records of the meeting of Nov. 3d we find the heavy black lines which indicate on the book before us that another had departed "to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns." This time the Lodge was called upon to mourn the departure of Bro. J. D. Hughson. The record informs us that Bro. Hughson died on Nov. 1, that he was about forty years old, and a native of New York. The body was buried with the ritualistic forms and ceremonies.

St. John's Day (Dec. 27) was duly observed by the Lodge, an oration being delivered at the Methodist Church by Bro. Ungerer, for which oration and the use of the church, thanks were returned, and the oration directed to be published in the "Illinois Republican," and "Illinois State Gazette."

There is one matter of record in the proceedings of this Lodge which we transfer to this page. It occurs in the minutes of the meeting of April 15:

"The Lodge was then closed in harmony, in due and ancient form, after which several brethren were *complimented* with the degree of Knight of Constantinople, in *form and harmony*."

Think of that! ye who have seen the shoemaker, the blacksmith, the baker, and the candle-stick maker, to say nothing of the weaver and his shuttle. *Complimented!* We should say so.

PEORIA LODGE NO. 15.

The following named brethren received the third degree in this Lodge during 1843: Irwin B. Doolittle, Jan. 28; William B. Doolittle, Feb. 2; John Adams, Feb. 11; James F. Wilkins and John C. Heyl, Aug. 19; Samuel S. Guyer, Nov. 18.

January 28, the charter was received and accepted. Accompanying the charter was a proxy to Bro. William Henderson, "or any other Past Master," conferring authority to constitute the Lodge and install its officers. Bro. Henderson not being present, Bro. Simeon DeWitt Drown was appointed to perform that duty. The Lodge was then constituted, and Bro. Samuel H. Davis installed as Master; Augustus O. Garrett, as Senior Warden; Andrew M. Hunt, as J. W.; George Metcalfe, Treasurer; William Mitchell, Secretary; Peter Sweat, Senior Deacon; Ralph Hamlin, Junior Deacon; and Chester Hamlin, Tyler. Bro. Drown, who hailed from Chester Lodge No. 71, Ohio, was elected an honorary member. July 8, a committee was appointed to ascertain why some of the officers and brethren of the Lodge had not been present for several meetings past, and on August 5th the committee reported as follows:

"The committee appointed to call on absenting brethren for the reasons of their non-attendance, respectfully report that most of the absenting brethren have been called upon, and that various reasons have been assigned for absence and irregular attendance. Several of the brethren have excuses, which, to the committee, appear satisfactory; some of them have since attended, or are now present and ready to explain in person better than can be done by this committee. Your committee, however, would state that several of the absentees have assigned as a reason for their non-attendance, the unsatisfactory manner in which the work and business of the Lodge have of late been conducted; and more than one have stated their unwillingness or reluctance to sit in a Lodge unless its proceedings can be conducted in a manner more Masonic, and less irksome and unpleasant to the feelings of those who have the love of the Order and the good of Masonry at heart. But that part of the business of your committee, which is, therefore, particularly interesting to the Lodge, was with our Worshipful Master, for to his frequent non-attendance is in a great measure attributed the unsatisfactory manner in which the Lodge of late has been conducted. The reasons for his withdrawal appear to be no other than those stated by him to the Lodge at a former communication. They appear to be founded on the participation of several of the brethren in some public proceedings in relation to an attempted organization of a certain association in the town of Peoria, whereby, as he alleges, some of his family and his Gospel minister were disrespectfully interfered with and unjustly deprived and hindered of their undoubted rights and privileges. Your committee have endeavored seriously and impartially to weigh this matter with the consideration it seems to deserve, and in the spirit of conciliation, peace, and harmony—being the beauty of our Order; and, moreover, that the Lodge may not appear to sanction disturbance and disorder out of its sacred precincts, nor countenance disrespectful or unmasonic conduct between its members, beg leave to submit the following preamble and resolutions:

"WHEREAS, On the afternoon of the 13th of February last, a number of persons met in the Court House, in this town, to take measures to prevent the public organization of an anti-slavery society, appointed to take place in one of the churches of the town, on the evening of that day; and,

"WHEREAS, At the meeting spoken of, several resolutions were adopted, two of which were as follows:

"*Resolved*, That we will oppose the organization of any anti-slavery society in the town of Peoria, and that however desirous we may be that this our opposition should be confined to reason and argument alone, yet, in case it should become necessary, in order to prevent the catastrophe, that force should be used (how much soever we may regret the necessity), we shall feel ourselves bound to resort thereto, when all others have proved unsuccessful.

"*Resolved*, That the citizens of Peoria will attend *en masse* at the Main Street Presbyterian Church, this evening, and aid the committee to enforce the resolutions of this meeting."

"AND, WHEREAS, Two members of this Lodge were appointed on the committee to present said resolutions at the anti-slavery meeting, which duty they performed; and,

"WHEREAS, Said meeting in the church was thus interrupted and prevented, by the threats of physical force contained in the resolutions, from carrying into effect the object for which it had met; and,

"WHEREAS, Five or six other members of this Lodge were at the said meeting, some of them countenancing the scenes of disorder which were there acted; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That without expressing any opinion on the subject of slavery or anti-slavery, we admit, in its full sense, the constitutional right of the people

peaceably to assemble for any purpose not forbidden by the laws of the land, and that the interference of the members of this Lodge at the anti-slavery meeting alluded to, was incompatible with their duty as friends of the laws and good citizens, and as Masons."

June 24, a recommendation was granted to the petition of certain brethren, residing in and near Pekin, for a new Lodge. September 23, a like recommendation was granted certain brethren at Farmington, Fulton county, and on October 7th, to certain brethren in and near Henderson, in Knox county. The names of the petitioners are not given.

On the 31st of July, Bro. George Farrell was buried with the usual forms and ceremonies. On December 27, officers as follows were elected: Samuel H. Davis, W. M.; Augustus O. Garrett, S. W.; Geo. T. Metcalfe, J. W.; William E. Mason, Treas.; Simeon D. W. Drown, Sec.; Chester Hamlin, Tyler. At this meeting a resolution was introduced providing for the celebration of St. John's Day, on the 24th of June next, which was laid over until the regular meeting in January. The brethren were certainly taking time by the forelock.

TEMPERANCE LODGE NO. 16.

Five brethren received the Master's degree in this Lodge this year, viz.: William Black, February 22; G. C. Wood and M. Scott, May 15; J. T. B. Stapp, June 16; G. G. Guthrie, June 22.

February 13, a brother of the Lodge presented charges and specifications against the Worshipful Master. Bro. William Hodge having taken the East, the charges (which did not amount to much) were received and referred to a committee, and on the 21st of February the committee reported that they had heard the evidence, but asked until the next regular meeting to make out their report, which was granted. It was resolved that the Lodge would on the next day accept the invitation of the Washingtonian Temperance Society, which was accordingly done, and as the record of February 22d informs us, "the day was spent pleasantly and satisfactorily to all." On March 13, the committee to whom was referred the charges against the W. M., reported, the Master first placing Bro. D. B. Hodge in the chair. The report covers four, and nearly a half of the fifth, closely written pages of an ordinary sized record book. There were four resolutions reported, the first of which went on to recite that the brother was guilty of unmasonic conduct, although without intention. The second required him to acknowledge his error in open Lodge; the third provided that he should be "admonished" by some brother selected by the Lodge, and in case of refusal to submit to the penalty, he should stand suspended during the pleasure of the Lodge; and finally, not content with finding the defendant guilty, and sentencing him to be "admonished," they inflict the same penalty upon the plaintiff for the "impropriety of his conduct in the Lodge at the time he laid his grievance before that body." The W. M. having

acquiesced in the decision of the Lodge, Bro. William Hodge was selected to "admonish" him, which duty was performed, the W. M. having first acknowledged his error. The plaintiff "failed to come to time."

This case has been cited because we having relied upon the superior wisdom of those above us—have been led to believe that a "W. M. can not be tried by his Lodge;" but here is an instance where the Lodge could and did try their Master. Everything was done in order and decorum; nevertheless, we believe there are very few Lodges in these days that would attempt to try their Master, and Temperance Lodge would probably be the last to try the experiment over again.

On the 5th of June, Bro. Warren visited the Lodge, and lectured the brethren.

June 12, the semi-annual election was held. Bro. Remann was re-elected W. M.; D. B. Hodge was taken from the South-east corner and placed in the West; J. R. Hall was continued as the pillar of Beauty; Abner Johnson was selected to take charge of the Treasury; and Wm. Black to keep the records and archives; Bro. Q. C. Alexander was selected to sit between the W. M. and the Treasurer; while J. M. Scott became the medium of communication with the outer world; and, as usual, Bro. Moses Phillips was selected to sit outside and guard the entrance, and at the same time expected to know more about the Lodge and its workings than any other brother.

June 16, the committee on celebration of St. John's Day reported that they had made arrangements with Brother Thomas Bayse to furnish dinner for one hundred persons for forty dollars, which amount they had pledged themselves to raise; that they had "procured an orator in the person of W. B. Herrick, of Moriah Lodge;" that the Lodge of I. O. O. F., of Greenville, desired to celebrate with them, and to have an oration from one of their number, which was acceded to. They further reported that they had invited the neighboring Lodges, and had prepared a "programme of exercises."

June 24, the Lodge assembled, there being quite a number of visitors, among whom were Breth. Warren and J. R. Gorin, both future Grand Masters, although the probability is that neither one of them thought so at the time. The Lodge formed in procession under the marshaling of Bro. Alexander, and "left the hall preceded by a band of music." At Gallatin Street the procession was joined by Clark Lodge I. O. O. F., and at the residence of "Col. Black," by "a large number of ladies." The procession proceeded to the M. E. Church, where J. M. Davis delivered an address on behalf of the Odd Fellows. Bro. Warren then installed the officers of the Lodge, when another address was delivered by Bro. Herrick. June 10, a committee appointed at a previous meeting to procure a hall, reported that they "had procured from the Trustees of the town of Vandalia, the perpetual lease of the old Representatives Hall,

rent free." October 11, the Lodge buried the remains of Bro. Erastus Todd, "late of Oswego Lodge No. 232, New York." Nov. 13, sundry brethren at Greenville were recommended to the Grand Master for a dispensation for a new Lodge.

December 13, the following election was had: J. T. B. Stapp, W. M.; Q. C. Alexander, S. W.; C. H. Hodge, J. W.; G. C. Wood, Treas.; W. M. Black, Sec.; Moses Philips, Tyler. H. C. Remann was appointed S. D.; James M. Scott, J. D. This election entirely revolutionized the Lodge—neither the Master or Wardens had ever held either of the offices to which they were elected. We notice that in the earlier days very little attention was paid to the law requiring the Master elect to serve as a Warden previous to his election. Dec. 27, the officers were installed.

MACOMB LODGE NO. 17.

The dispensation for this Lodge was granted January 30th, 1843, by Grand Master Helm, to Charles Hays, Rezin Naylor, Jas. Chandler, Jr., John Anderson, Thomas T. Smithers, Alex. Simpson, O. M. Hoagland, "and several other brethren." We are not informed as to the Lodge that recommended the petitioners, but presume it was Rushville.

The record of the first meeting reads as follows:

"MACOMB, ILL., Feb. 24, A. L. 5843, A. D. 1843.

"The following named Past Master Masons, viz.: Charles Hays, Rezin Naylor, James Chandler, Jr., John Anderson, Thomas T. Smithers, Alexander Simpson, O. M. Hoagland, and others, having received a dispensation from the M. W. Grand Master of the State of Illinois, to form a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the town of Macomb, county of McDonough, and State of Illinois, congregated together on the date as above written, viz.:

"Present: W. Levi Lusk, S. G. W., W. M., *p. t.*; Charles Hays, S. W., *p. t.*; James Chandler, Jr., J. W., *p. t.*; Joseph M. Walker, Treas., *p. t.*; John Anderson, Sec., *p. t.*; Rezin Naylor, S. D., *p. t.*; Thos. Smithers, J. D., *p. t.*; Geo. H. Rice, S. and Tyler, *p. t.*; Master Mason, Thos. A. Brooking; and proceeded to open a Lodge in the third degree of Masonry, according to ancient form.

"Whereupon, the aforesaid dispensation is ordered to be recorded, and is in the words and figures following, to wit:

(The dispensation, which was of the usual form, is omitted.)

"And, thereupon, all but Past Master Masons having retired, Rezin Naylor was presented, and duly installed Master of the Macomb Lodge, under dispensation, and received the degree of Past Master. Bro. Chas. Hays was then introduced and installed Senior Warden, and Bro. James Chandler, Jr., was also introduced and installed Junior Warden. No further business appearing, the Master Mason's Lodge was closed in due form, and the Lodge of Entered Apprentices was opened according to

ancient form. Same officers as before. Bro. Hays then reported the the following code of by-laws for the government of the Lodge, which are as follows:

(They being much the same as now, are here omitted. The names signed to the by-laws are the same as in the dispensation, with the addition of Joseph G. Walker, Thomas A. Brooking, and Preston Eyre.)

"The petition of Cyrus A. Lawson was then received, and in pursuance of a dispensation of the the M. W. Grand Master, which is in the words and figures, to-wit:

"WHEREAS, the brethren of Macomb Lodge desire to avail themselves of the skill and experience of Bro. L. Lusk, appointed to install the officers of said Lodge, by witnessing his mode of work, now therefore I, M. Helm, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, do hereby grant this my dispensation, authorizing the said Macomb Lodge at the first meeting thereof, to initiate, pass and raise one candidate (the usual rule requiring petitions to lie over one month for consideration, for one lunar month) being for that occasion and in that one instance only, dispensed with, *provided*, the candidate so to be initiated, shall be well known as a man of unexceptionable moral character, and provided every member of said Lodge has due notice of the time, place and object of said meeting, and provided also, as in all other cases, the ballot shall be unanimously in favor of said candidate.

"Given at Springfield, Illinois, under my hand and private seal, this 25th day of January, A. D. 1843.

"MEREDITH HELM, G. M. G. L. I."

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"Whereupon, on motion, the Lodge proceeded to ballot upon the petition of Cyrus A. Lawson, which was found unanimously in his favor. On motion, Cyrus A. Lawson was introduced and initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason, according to ancient form, and received a lecture and charge from the Worshipful Master. The Lodge was then called from labor until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock."

The brethren who received the degree of Master Mason in this Lodge are as follows: Cyrus A. Lawson, Feb. 25; Henry L. Bryant, William Ervin, J. E. Wyne, April 14; William T. Head, September 2; Pinckney H. Walker, December 26; N. Montgomery, December 27. April 14, George H. Rice, late of Xenia Lodge No. 49, Ohio, Thomas A. Brooking, of Mansfield Lodge No. 66, Kentucky, Charles M. Bartleson, Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia, Pa., and Alfred Loomis, Whitestown Lodge No. —, New York, were admitted as members. The following "subordinate officers" were elected: Henry L. Bryant, Secretary; Charles M. Bartleson, Treasurer; John Anderson, Steward; George H. Rice, Tyler; and Breth. Wyne and Ervin were appointed Deacons.

On September 2d, the Lodge decided to apply to the Grand Lodge for a charter, and named Bro. James Chandler, Jr., as W. M.; Joseph E. Wyne as S. W., and William Ervin as J. W. On the 7th October, the

charter granted by the Grand Lodge was read and accepted, whereupon the Lodge proceeded to install the officers named in the charter. As at the next meeting the old officers appeared in their places, we are inclined to believe that the officers named in the resolution of the Lodge were not named in the charter. December 2, another election was had, which resulted as follows: James Chandler, Jr., W. M.; Joseph E. Wyne, S. W.; William T. Head, J. W.; Charles M. Bartleson, Treasurer; Henry L. Bryant, Secretary; Alfred Loomis and Cyrus A. Lawson, Deacons; George H. Rice, Steward and Tyler.

LAFAYETTE LODGE NO. 18.

The dispensation for this Lodge was granted in 1842, but for some reason the Lodge did not meet until the 13th day of January, 1843. The petition for dispensation was recommended by Juliet Lodge No. 10; but who the petitioners were is to us unknown, or at least the majority of them.

The record of the first meeting reads as follows:

“CHICAGO, ILL., June 13, A. D. 1843, A. L. 5843.

“LaFayette Lodge, U. D., met agreeable to agreement, for the purpose of organizing the same, by the installation of officers. Present, the Worshipful N. Hawley, Master of Juliet Lodge No. 10, and the W. Samuel H. Gilbert, Master of the Lodge; T. W. Smith, Senior Warden; Carding Jackson, Junior Warden; L. C. Kercheval, Sec., *p. t.*; Isaac Haight, Treas., *p. t.*; John Davis, S. D., *p. t.*; Joseph Fischbene, J. D.; F. A. Howe, Tyler, and Breth. J. H. Sullivan and William Harman, Master Masons, and the Lodge was opened in the 3d degree of Masonry. The Worshipful Master of Juliet Lodge proceeded to the installation of officers of this Lodge, and delivered the charge to the W. M. and other officers, and then declared the Lodge duly organized. And on motion and second, Bros. Smith, Howe, and Kercheval were appointed a committee to prepare by-laws and rules for the government of this Lodge.

There being no further business, the Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until half-past 7 o'clock, to-morrow.”

The raisings reported by this Lodge are as follows: P. T. McMahan, —; W. H. Davis, Oct. 16; John Blackstone, Oct. 23; George B. Fear- ing, Nov. 6; Joseph Filkins and Samuel McKay, Nov. 27; H. Hatch, Dec. 4; J. R. Malony and Florence Mahoney, Dec. 22. The names signed to the by-laws previous to the raising of Bro. McMahan, were S. H. Gilbert, Carding Jackson, H. W. Bigelow, Samuel J. Lowe, L. C. Kercheval, John Davis, J. Fischbene, F. A. Howe, Barnabas Hinton, William Harman, John Ferns. Oct. 16, John Ferns was elected Tyler until the next regular communication. Dec. 18, the following officers were elected: Carding Jackson, W. M.; H. W. Bigelow, S. W.; Mathias Taylor, J. W.; Samuel J. Lowe, Treas.; L. C. Kercheval, Sec.; John

Davis, S. D.; Joseph Fishbene, J. D.; F. A. Howe and "Barney Horton," Stewards; John Ferns, Tyler.

The visitors to this Lodge were numerous, and among them we notice the following: Mathias Taylor, of Essex Lodge No. 48, New Jersey; R. L. Baker, St. Joseph's, Michigan; — Sampson, Ancient Lodge, and George K. Cooley, Moriah Lodge, both of New York; Joseph A. Atkinson, St. Stephens, Edinburg; E. Whetherby and E. W. Herrick, Juliet No. 10; John R. Case, Apollo Lodge, Troy, N. Y.; Augustus O. Garrett, Peoria No. 15; M. McIlvaine, St. John's No. 9, N. Y., and W. F. Walker, Apollo Lodge, N. Y., nearly all of whom subsequently became members of the Lodge.

HANCOCK LODGE NO. 20.

The dispensation for this Lodge was granted by W. M. Bro. Helm, but at what time we do not know. We are unable to extend any information concerning this Lodge, other than its returns, from the fact that its early records were destroyed by fire. The first return of this Lodge was made to the Grand Lodge in 1843, at which time it was chartered.

This return we here give:

"RETURN OF HANCOCK LODGE NO. 20.—CARTHAGE.

"Lewis Evans, W. M.; Benj. A. Gallop, S. W.; Benjamin Avise, J. W.; Chancey Robinson, Sec.; Samuel Comer, Treas.; E. S. Freeman, S. D.; William Darnall, J. D.; Wm. G. Yetter, Tyler.

"MASTER MASONS.—David Baldwin, J. Berry, Daniel Prentis, E. B. Baldwin, F. J. Bartlett, Ellis Hughes, George Buckman, Thomas Bennett."

The Lodge was chartered at the communication of the Grand Lodge in 1842. The hall of this Lodge was destroyed by fire in 1856, in which fire all the books, papers, and matters of record were consumed.

WARSAW LODGE NO. 21.

The first meeting of this Lodge was held January 9, 1843, under a dispensation granted by Meredith Helm, Grand Master, at Warsaw, Hancock county. The following brethren were present: A. J. Chittenden, W. M.; John Montague, S. W.; James Moss, J. W.; Mark Aldrich, Sec.; M. Plumb, S. D.; L. B. Adams, J. D.; German Andrews, Tyler.

The Lodge being opened on the third degree, was "*duly constituted*" and the officers installed, the following brethren officiating as grand officers: Louis Ervin, D. G. M., *p. t.*; L. N. Scovill, S. G. W., *p. t.*; D. S. Hollister, J. G. W., *p. t.*; S. Comer, G. Treas., *p. t.*; C. Robinson, G. Sec., *p. t.*; B. L. Gallup, S. G. D., *p. t.*; W. Folshaw, J. G. D., *p. t.*; E. H. Spinning, G. S. B., *p. t.*; J. A. Forgis, G. M., *p. t.*; E. B. Baldwin, G. T., *p. t.*

The following additional brethren were present: L. B. Stoddard, J. W. Collidge, J. B. Nobles, and Benjamin Avise. Of these, all except Ervin and Avise were members of the Mormon Lodges at Nauvoo.

The petitions of Joseph Wilkinson and H. G. Reynolds were received, referred, and by authority of a dispensation from Grand Master Helm, acted on instantler, and the petitioners elected. January 10. Joseph Wilkinson and H. G. Reynolds were initiated, passed and raised, Past Grand Master Jonathan Nye presiding.

The additional raisings during the year 1843, were as follows: H. G. Stephens, Jan. 27; William A. Bacon, Aug. 21; C. E. Dodge and J. Cochran, Nov. 7; R. E. Hill and William A. Baker, Nov. 20.

January 27, on motion of H. G. Reynolds, the Grand Lodge was requested to appoint Bro. Nye as a delegate to the Baltimore convention. July 4, the Lodge "formed a procession and marched to the bower prepared for the occasion, where Bro H. Stevens delivered an oration suitable to the occasion, after which the brethren partook of a sumptuous repast prepared by the citizens." Sept. 1st, the Lodge buried with the usual honors, Bro. Joseph Wilkinson, the *first* brother upon whom the Lodge conferred the Master's degree. Oct. 12, the following officers were elected: A. J. Chittenden, W. M.; John Montague, S. W.; James Moss, J. W.; L. B. Mitchell, Treas.; H. Stevens, Sec.; L. B. Adams, S. D.; William Bacon, J. D.; B. F. Marsh and M. Aldrich, Stewards; German Andrews, Tyler.

Nov. 20, Breth. Wm. A. Baker, William Bacon and R. E. Hill were demitted in order to assist in the formation of a new Lodge at Alexandria, Clark county, Missouri.

MILWAUKEE LODGE NO. 22.

The dispensation for this Lodge was granted during the year 1842, by Grand Master Helm, and made its first return to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, at the communication of 1843, We are unable to present any further information regarding this Lodge than its returns from year to year.

The first return is as follows:

"RETURN OF MILWAUKEE LODGE No. 22.—MILWAUKEE.

"Lemuel B. Hull, W. M.; Abram B. Smith, S. W.; David Merrill, J. W.; W. W. Kellogg, Treas.; Charles S. Hurley, Sec.; D. F. Lawton, S. D.; T. Wainwright, J. D.; W. Farnsworth and Owen Aldrich, Stewards.

"MASTER MASONS.—James Sanderson, William M. Card, Henry C. West, John Waters, William C. Wartons, David Kerser, Alanson Sweet, Isaac C. Loomis.

"ENTERED APPRENTICES.—Edward Staals, Edward Wisner.

CASS LODGE NO. 23.

This Lodge was instituted under a dispensation granted by Grand Master Helm, in the year 1842, made its first returns to the Grand Lodge of 1842, at which time it was granted a charter as No. 11, but owing to certain irregularities the vote was reconsidered and the dispensation continued. In 1843 the Lodge was chartered as No. 23. The number 11 has never been filled, but has remained vacant from that day to this.

Since the remarks concerning Cass Lodge, under the head of 1842, were written, we have been placed in possession of the records of the Lodge from its organization. The first meeting was held January 1st, 1842, when the following brethren were present: P. Underwood, A. Bonney, E. Rew, A. Dutch, A. Lyons. In addition to these were Breth. Alexander Dunlap, D. G. M., who presided; Wm. B. Warren, G. Sec., who acted as Senior Warden, and Bro. — Robinson, of Harmony Lodge.

The officers were duly installed as follows: P. Underwood, W. M.; A. Bonney, S. W.; E. Rew, J. W., and the Lodge set to work. The raisings during 1842 were as follows: C. S. VanAlstine, March 26; Thomas Eyre, April 23; James Logan and N. B. Thompson, June 18; John Daley, Aug. 20.

In the record of June 18, we find the following entry:

“On motion of Bro. A. Bonney,

“Resolved, That the brethren of this Lodge each wear a badge of mourning in memory of our deceased Bro. Ephraim Rew, for three months.”

This is the only allusion to the death of this brother.

Sept. 18th was the last meeting held in 1842. The Lodge did not again meet until May 13th, 1843. But one raising was reported in 1843, viz.: W. J. DeHaven, Sept. 2d. On the 20th November, 1843, the Lodge was duly constituted as Cass Lodge No. 23, by Alexander Dunlap, Grand Master.

PEKIN LODGE, U. D.,

Made the following return, at this session of the Grand Lodge: Leonard Knott, W. M.; Daniel Fancy, S. W.; Samuel P. Baily, J. W.; Wm. B. Doolittle, Treas.; I. B. Doolittle, Sec.; E. S. Marks, S. D.; F. Fitch, J. D.; Francis Johnson, Tyler.

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MISSOURI.

CLINTON LODGE, AT CARLYLE.

Raisings reported: J. C. Mooe, April 8th; VanTramp Turner, August 5th. Jan. 9th, the Lodge met, but was not opened, owing to its "being a very cold night, and no fire conveniences."

At the meeting of February 13th, Bro. Hervey, who had absented himself from several of the meetings of the Lodge, moved "that the 3d section of the 15th article be put in force against himself, without excuse from beginning, in consequence of his own neglect. Adopted, *nem con.*" Whereupon Bro. H. presented a bill to the Lodge for \$3.50, which was allowed, and the amount credited to his account. It is possible that Bro. H. thought the Lodge would fine him for absence, and he having a bill against the Lodge, which had just before refused to allow a number of bills for want of authority on the part of the persons who contracted the debts, was in all probability fearful his bill would share a like fate, and accordingly presented it as a "set off" against his fines.

May 6th, the following officers were elected: Joshua T. Bradley, W. M.; Henry Scott, S. W.; Joseph C. Moore, J. W.; O. H. P. Maxey, Treas.; Christopher N. Halstead, Sec.; Wingate H. Maddux, Tyler. The following were appointed: William Wilcox, and William Morton, Deacons.

It appears from the following entry in the records of October 7th, that Bro. Bradley was District Deputy Grand Master for the Missouri Lodges in Illinois:

"Ordered, That the Secretary draw his order on the Treasury for the sum of eighteen dollars, in favor of J. T. Bradley, Dist. Dep. Gr'd Master, for dues from this Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Missouri."

FRANKLIN LODGE, AT UPPER ALTON.

Raisings reported: Caleb K. Burgoyne, and Isham Hardy, March 11th; Elias Hibbard, April 15th; George Lebold, July 8th.

June 3d, we find the following record: "Lodge met pursuant to special call. Opened on 3d degree. Called off to attend the funeral of Bro. J. C. Bruner. Lodge called on and passed resolutions appropriate to the mournful occasion."

Oct. 7th, the following resolutions were passed:

"1st. Resolved, That our delegation to the grand annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, to be holden on the second Monday in October next, are hereby instructed to apply to said Grand Lodge for permission for this Lodge to report to, and join the Grand Lodge of Illinois at its grand annual communication in A. L. 5844.

"2d. *Resolved*, That we feel grateful to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Missouri for the many acts of kindness which they have conferred upon us, and that we tender them our fraternal acknowledgements for the same."

FAR WEST LODGE, AT GALENA.

This Lodge did but little work during the year, and that in the first degree only. The only act of importance was the recommendation, on the 14th of January, of a petition to the Grand Lodge of Missouri of certain brethren at Platteville, Wisconsin Territory, for a Lodge at that place.

HILLSBORO LODGE, AT HILLSBORO.

Raising reported, Nathaniel Maddux, February 6th.

At the meeting of February 9th, the following entry was made:

"Notice was given that at our next regular meeting there would be a resolution offered to demit from the Grand Lodge of Missouri."

March 16, the following record appears:

"The last proceedings read and approved. A debate sprang up in reference to the resolution to demit from the Grand Lodge. After which, it was

"*Resolved*, That with the consent of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and the grant of our petition, we will demit from her, and attach ourselves to the Grand Lodge of Illinois."

August 3d, we find the following:

"Notice was given that there would be a resolution offered at the next regular meeting to remain under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Missouri."

And on September 16th, the following was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That it is not the wish of this Lodge to demit from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, but that with her consent, we will remain under her jurisdiction."

The visit of Bro. Bradley, D. D. G. M., Grand Lodge of Missouri, just about this time, may account for this action.

ST. CLAIR LODGE, AT BELLEVILLE.

February 21, the following resolution was passed:

"*Resolved*, That no brother Mason ought to sue another brother in a court of law."

September 19, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

"WHEREAS, St. Clair Lodge No. 60 is located within the limits of the State of Illinois, and the Grand Lodge to which she owes her jurisdiction is situated in another State; and,

"WHEREAS, Every interest and inducement, as well as fraternal feeling, prompts this Lodge to withdraw from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and become subject to the Grand Lodge of our own State; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That St. Clair Lodge No. 60 respectfully intimate to the Grand Lodge of Missouri their wish to withdraw from her jurisdiction, for the purpose of becoming subject to the Grand Lodge of Illinois."

This preamble and resolution were presented by Bro. C. G. Y. Taylor.

The returns of this Lodge have the seal of the Lodge attached, which is the only Lodge that we have yet observed which placed their seal upon their returns.

December 26, the W. M. presented a "new charter from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, giving the Lodge authority to work under the name and style of St. Clair Lodge No. 24, which was read."

The Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows: "P. W. Randle, W. M.; Alex. Reany, S. W.; Seth Catlin, J. W.; G. W. Hook, S. D.; W. G. Goforth, J. D.; C. G. Y. Taylor, Sec.; L. D. Turner, Treas.; C. H. Kettler, Marshal; D. Wilver, Tyler. The officers were then installed, and the Lodge constituted.

MARION LODGE, AT SALEM.

Raisings reported, Ira Potter and M. Pendenski, Jan. 25; Amaziah Pilcher, July 10; J. W. McMurty, Sept. 11.

February 6, the following officers were elected: John A. Goudy, W. M.; W. H. H. Barnes, S. W.; A. H. Barnes, J. W.; A. K. King, Treas.; H. S. Mills, Sec.; M. W. Hall, S. D.; H. P. Boyakin, J. D.; James Cooper, Steward; Justice R. Ryman, Tyler.

August 14, Bro. Bradley Dist. Dep. Grand Master, presided. The semi-annual election was held. The gavel was placed in the hands of Bro. H. P. Boyaken. Bro. A. H. Barnes was commanded to "look well to the West," and Bro. M. W. Hall received a like command as regarded the South. The keys were intrusted to Bro. W. H. H. Barnes, while Bro. H. S. Mills was condemned to another six months of "cacothes scribendi." Justice R. Ryman was placed between the Master and Treasurer, and Ira Potter placed at the elbow of the "Pillar of Strength." J. Cooper was placed outside the door, and A. K. King appointed to conduct the devotional exercises of the Lodge.

In the record of November 11, we find the following:

"Breth. King, W. H. H. Barnes, and Hall, were appointed a committee to inquire into and report to this Lodge on the expediency of this Lodge demitting from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and joining the Grand Lodge of Illinois."

December 11, the committee to whom was referred the question of severing the connection of the Lodge with the Grand Lodge of Missouri, asked and obtained further time to report.

In regard to the Lodges at Ottawa and Kaskaskia, we have no information whatever.

CHAPTER XVII.

1844.

GRAND LODGE.

The fourth grand annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Jacksonville, commencing October 7th, A. D. 1844.

Present: M. W. ALEXANDER DUNLAP, G. M.,
R. W. LEVI LUSK, D. G. M.,
W. CARDING JACKSON, G. S. W., *pro tem.*,
PETER SWEAT, G. J. W., *pro tem.*,
WM. B. WARREN, G. Secretary,
PHILIP COFFMAN, G. Treasurer,
CHAS. HOWARD, G. S. D., *pro tem.*,
N. D. MORSE, G. J. D., *pro tem.*,
A. V. PUTNAM, G. Pursuivant,
GEO. HACKETT, G. Tyler.

REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 3.—A. Dunlap.
No. 8.—Chas. H. Pringle.
No. 9.—L. Lusk.
No. 15.—P. Sweat.
No. 18.—Carding Jackson.
No. 24.—Geo. Kelly, W. G. Goforth, E. H. Talbot.
No. 25.—Chas. Howard, David Allen, N. D. Morse.

The Grand Lodge was then opened in ample form, and with prayer by the M. W. Grand Master.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced that since the last annual communication he had granted dispensations:

“1st. To Bros. J. W. Edmondson, as Master; Benj. Hibbard, as Sr. Warden; and Jno. Miles as Jr. Warden, to hold a Lodge at Monmouth, Warren county.

“2d. To Bros. N. D. Morse, Master; Jno. A. Wiley, Sr. Warden; E. King, Jr. Warden, to hold a Lodge in Henderson, Knox county.

"3d. Bros. Jacob Hardman, Master; Jonathan Miner, Sr. Warden; Samuel L. Bailly, Jr. Warden, to hold a Lodge in Greenville, Bond county.

"4th. Alex. H. Barnes, Master; W. H. Burnet, Senior Warden; Noah Johnson, Junior Warden, to hold a Lodge in Mount Vernon, Jefferson county.

"5th. Aaron Kinney, Master; Samuel Gould, Senior Warden; and Harvey Smith, Junior Warden, to hold a Lodge in the town of Farmington.

"6th. David Allen, Master; Timothy Souther, Senior Warden; and Sam. S. Bailey, Junior Warden, to hold a Lodge in the city of Alton.

"7th. W. H. Gayle, Master; Emery P. Rodgers, Senior Warden; Jno. A. Frank, Junior Warden, to hold a Lodge in Waterloo, Monroe county."

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

At 2 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called to labor. The following additional representatives were present: No. 17, C. M. Bartleson; No. 19, John McNeal; No. 20, John Montague.

The Grand Master announced the following committees:

Returns and Work.—Bros. Jackson, Sweat, and Howard.

Petitions and Grievances.—Pringle, Bartleson, and Kelly.

Finance and Accounts.—Morse, Allen, and McNeal.

Foreign Correspondence.—Warren, Lusk, and Montague.

To Examine Visiting Brethren.—Goforth, Coffman, and Pringle.

The Grand Lecturer reported as follows:

"The G. Lecturer begs leave to report that in obedience to a resolution adopted at the last grand annual communication, he proceeded to St. Louis, where he found Bros. Carnegie and Foster, delegates from the Grand Lodge of Missouri to the National Convention at Baltimore, and from them he obtained the lectures as adopted by said Convention, and is now ready to report at any time to suit the convenience of the Grand Lodge.

L. LUSK, G. L.

"October 7th, 1844."

The Grand Lodge having been requested to exemplify the work before Harmony Lodge, acceded to the request.

On motion of Bro. Lusk, "a committee was appointed to inquire into the expediency of having a public procession on to-morrow, and to report to-morrow morning."

"The committee appointed at the last annual communication to inquire into the amount of funds belonging to the Grand Charity Fund, offered the following report, which was received:

"GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS,

1844.

In account with the Grand Charity Fund.

Oct.	Received of No. 1.....	\$7 50
	Received of No. 3.....	5 50
	Received of No. 4.....	9 75

1842.	Received of No. 6.....	\$4 25
Oct. 5.	Received of No. 1.....	6 25
	Received of No. 4.....	11 00
	Received of No. 3.....	3 50
	Received of No. 6.....	4 00
	Received of No. 8.....	3 75
	Received of No. 9.....	7 50
	Received of No. 12.....	3 75
	Received of No. 23.....	3 00
	Nauvoo.....	33 33
1843	".....	30 65
	Warsaw.....	2 50
	Hancock.....	3 53
	Macomb.....	2 50
	Nye.....	2 50
	LaFayette.....	5 25
	Rushville.....	9 25
	Springfield.....	8 25
	Clinton.....	3 33
	Equality.....	3 00
	Vandalia.....	4 50
	Peoria.....	3 33
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		\$181 62
By cash to Bro. Nye.....		\$50 00

The following petition from Keokuk (Eagle) Lodge was received and referred to the Committee on Petitions and Grievances :

"KEOKUK, September 24, 1844.

"*To the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois :*

"Your petitioners beg leave to state that they had letters of dispensation granted to them by our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Meredith Helm, bearing date the 28th day of December, A. L. 5842, A. D. 1842, in which dispensation Henry King was our first Master; Moses Gray, Senior Warden; and Edward H. Spinning, Junior Warden. Said Lodge was installed on the 17th day of January following, by Past Grand Master Jonathan Nye; and from the time this Keokuk Lodge was installed, to the 26th of September, A. L. 5843, A. D. 1843, there were four persons initiated, passed, and raised, two others raised, seven initiated, and one initiated and passed, being all the business that we had done up to the above date of September 20th. We then made our report to the Grand Lodge, and sent our book and work by L. Scovil, of Nauvoo Lodge (our delegate being unwell and not able to attend the sitting of the Grand Lodge). Whether said Scovil gave us a fair representation or not, we have never known, but presume he did not, as he has never given us a fair representation of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; and we have known nothing, nor heard from the Grand Lodge, only by common report. We have written twice to the Grand Secretary, and received no answer, and for what reason we know not, but presume that he (the G. S.), did not get our communications, otherwise he would have answered them. We further state that since we have heard these reports that we were suspended, we have ceased to meet and work as a Lodge of Masons,

wishing to conform at all times to the long established usages of Masonry. We are not aware of any wrong that we have done, and can not make any excuse; but we would say that it is more than probable that we had committed errors, as we had not the constitution and by-laws of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and we had to be governed by old Masons instead of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge. We would further say, that if we had committed errors, they were of the head and not of the heart, and if they had been pointed out to us, we would most cheerfully abandoned them. We now ask the Grand Lodge to take our case under consideration, and either renew our dispensation or grant us a charter, and send some suitable person to this place to set us to work and give us the necessary instruction, and we pledge ourselves as Masons to abide the same. The reason we can not send a delegate to the Grand Lodge is, that almost every Mason in this place is obliged to attend our next court (either as jurors, parties, or witnesses), which sets the same week that the Grand Lodge holds its session. We also wish, if there has been any charges preferred against us, either as men or Masons, that the Grand Lodge will send a committee to this place and inquire into our character, either as men or Masons. By so doing you will confer a great favor on your petitioners, and as in duty bound, etc.

"EDWARD H. SPINNING,
MOSES GRAY,
JUSTIN MILLANLY,
DANIEL M. HODGE,
CHAS. S. MOORE,
D. HINE,
C. E. JOHNSON."

Bro. Sweat offered an amendment to the 5th section of the by-laws, which was to strike out the words "and rejections of candidates." The section provided that rejections, among other matters, should be reported to the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary and Treasurer reported, which reports were referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned until 9 o'clock of next morning, at which time it was again called on. The following additional representatives were present: No. 1, H. S. Cooley; No. 4, William Lavelly; No. 7, D. B. McKenny.

The Committee on Returns and Work reported as follows:

"The Committee on Returns and Work of Lodges beg leave to report in part, that they have examined the returns of Franklin Lodge No. 25, at Upper Alton, Illinois, and find said returns correct and dues paid.

"Return of Macomb Lodge No. 17, at Macomb, Illinois, examined and found correct, and dues paid.

"Return of Clinton Lodge No. 19, at Petersburg, Illinois, examined and found correct, and dues paid.

"Return of Rushville Lodge No. 9, at Rushville, Illinois, examined and found correct, and dues paid.

"Return of LaFayette Lodge No. 18, at Chicago, Illinois, examined and found correct, and dues paid.

"Return of Peoria Lodge, at Peoria, Illinois, No. 15, for the year 1843, examined and found correct, and dues paid for that year.

"Return of Peoria Lodge, at Peoria, Illinois, No. 15, for the year 1844, examined and found correct, and dues paid.

"They further report, that they have examined the work, return, and by-laws, of Hiram Lodge, at Henderson, Illinois, and find them correct, and dues paid, which Lodge is working under dispensation, and now prays a charter.

"They have examined the work, returns, and by-laws of Piasaw Lodge, at Alton City, Illinois, U. D., and find their returns correct, dues paid, and charter prayed for.

"They have examined the work, returns, and by-laws of Monroe Lodge, U. D., at Waterloo, Ill., and find them correct, dues paid, charter prayed for. We would advise that said Lodge revise, condense, and adopt a new set of by-laws.

"Your committee recommend the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That a charter issue to Hiram Lodge, as Hiram Lodge No. 26; that a charter issue to Piasaw Lodge, as Piasaw Lodge No. 27; that a charter issue to Monroe Lodge, as Monroe Lodge No. 28.

"CARDING JACKSON,
PETER SWEAT,
CHAS. HOWARD, } *Committee.*"

The Committee on Petitions and Grievances presented the following report, which was adopted:

"The committee to whom the petition of Eagle Lodge was referred, beg leave to report, that they have collected all the information within their reach, touching the premises; and would recommend that a committee be appointed to repair to Keokuk, and examine the subject more fully—and if said committee should report favorably to the Grand Master, that the dispensation be renewed, by said Lodge paying up all dues, and the expenses accruing from said investigation.

"GEORGE KELLY,
C. H. PRINGLE,
CHAS. M. BARTLESON. } *Committee.*"

The committee appointed to inquire into, and report as to the expediency of a public procession, reported adversely to any public demonstration, and offered the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That Bro. Grand Orator, be requested to deliver an address in the Grand (Lodge) Hall this evening, at 7 o'clock."

The resolution was adopted.

The Grand Lodge then went into an election, resulting as follows:

M. W. LEVI LUSK, of Rushville, G. M.
R. W. CARDING JACKSON, of Chicago, D. G. M.
W. D. ALLEN, of Alton, G. S. W.
W. N. D. MORSE, of Henderson, G. J. W.
W. W. B. WARREN, of Jacksonville, G. Sec.
W. P. COFFMAN, of Jacksonville, G. Treas.
W. R. E. SMITH, of Quincy, G. O.
REV. CHAS. HOWARD, of Alton, G. C.
W. GEO. HACKETT, of Jacksonville, G. T.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock P. M., when it again met and was called to labor. Present: Same officers and members as in the morning. Bro. Lusk, who had been appointed special delegate to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, reported as follows:

"The undersigned, who was at the last Grand Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge appointed a delegate to the M. W. G. L. of Missouri, begs leave to report, that in obedience to the resolution appointing him, he visited said Grand Lodge at its annual convention. He had nothing specially committed to his charge to communicate to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, but the courtesies of this Grand Lodge.

"It is with great pleasure that he announces to this M. W. Grand Lodge that his reception as your delegate was every way worthy of the M. W. G. Lodge of Missouri, and evinced a disposition on the part of that M. W. Grand Lodge to cultivate and reciprocate the relations which should ever characterize the members of the Masonic family.

"L. LUSK."

The Committee on Returns and Work made the following additional report:

"The Committee on Returns and Work of Lodges beg leave further to report that they have examined the returns of Harmony Lodge No. 3, and find them correct and dues paid.

"They have examined the returns of Macon Lodge No. 8, and find them correct and dues paid.

"They have examined the returns of Springfield Lodge No. 4, and find them correct and dues paid.

"They have examined the returns of Friendship Lodge No. 7, and find them correct and dues paid.

"They have examined the returns of Hancock Lodge No. 20, and find them correct and dues paid.

"CARDING JACKSON,
PETER SWEAT,
CHARLES HOWARD."

Bro. R. M. Young offered the following:

"*Resolved*, That we esteem the 'Masonic College of Missouri,' recently established in Monroe county, Missouri, by the Grand Lodge of that State, an institution worthy of our highest regard, and claiming our deep interest and solicitude for its success.

"*Resolved*, That we recommend the attention of every brother of the Fraternity, and of the friends of education generally, to the facility which the institution affords for the acquisition of a thorough education.

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the Grand Lodge, to ascertain whether beneficiaries will be received into the institution from this State, and also to recommend what further action, if any, shall be taken by the Grand Lodge of this State, for the purpose of advancing the cause of, and facilitating the means of acquiring an education, and that said committee make their report to this Grand Lodge at the next annual communication."

Which, on motion, was adopted, and Bro. Grand Orator, R. M. Young, appointed a committee to carry the same into effect.

Bro. Lavelly moved to amend the by-laws, by striking out the word "Jacksonville" and inserting the word "Springfield." Which amendment Bro. Young amended by moving to strike out "Springfield" and inserting "Quincy."

The Grand Secretary offered the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That hereafter no subordinate Lodge will be required to pay Grand Lodge dues for any members under the degree of Master Mason, and that all moneys paid during the present communication upon E. A. and Fellow Craft, be refunded."

Which was adopted.

The Grand Master elect announced the following appointments :

ADAMS DUNLAP, Rushville, Deputy G. Secretary.

PETER SWEAT, Peoria, S. G. D.

CHAS. H. PRINGLE, Decatur, J. G. D.

MATTHEW STACY, Jacksonville, G. Marshal.

H. C. REMANN, Vandalia, G. Steward.

WILLIAM LAVELLY, Springfield, G. S. B.

In this list of elected and appointed grand officers, were three future Grand Masters, viz.: William B. Warren, Nelson D. Morse, and William Lavelly. The Grand Lodge was then called off until 7 o'clock.

At 7 o'clock in the evening of Tuesday, the Grand Lodge was called to labor. An oration was delivered by Bro. Cooley.

On motion of Bro. McKenney, the Grand Secretary and Treasurer were directed to purchase a set of jewels and collars, not to cost exceeding \$100.

A vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Cooley for his "eloquent and able address," and a copy requested for publication. After granting Bro. Lavelly leave of absence for the remainder of the session, the Grand Lodge called off until Wednesday morning.

Wednesday morning the Grand Lodge was called to labor—the same officers and members present as the preceeding day. Bro. Carding Jackson offered the following, which was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That at the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, each member thereof appear with his appropriate jewel."

Bro. Nelson D. Morse moved to amend the by-laws, by striking out the word "Jacksonville" and inserting the word "Peoria," which was laid over one year.

Bro. Warren offered a resolution (which was adopted,) providing for the appointment, on the first day of each session, of a Committee on Lodges U. D.

The Committee on Returns and Work made an additional report, as follows:

"The Committee on Returns and Work made a report, accompanied with two resolutions, which on motion were adopted, as follows,

"The Committee on Returns and Work of Lodges beg leave to further report, that they have examined the returns of Bodley Lodge No. 1, and find that in several instances several Lodges initiated candidates where their petitions had not been twenty days; otherwise they find returns of said Lodge correct, with the exception of the want of an account current.

"They have examined the work of Pekin Lodge, U. D., and find it correct and dues paid; no by-laws presented to your committee; said Lodge praying a charter.

"*Resolved*, That your committee recommend that the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to grant said Pekin Lodge a charter, whenever said Lodge shall have for the same, and send into the M. W. G. Master, a copy of their by-laws, if said by-laws are correct.

"They further report that no returns have been made from the following Lodges: Nos. 2, 6, 10, 13, 14, 16, 21, 22, and 23; Lodges U. D., Monmouth, Farmington, Mt. Vernon, and Kaskaskia.

"In closing this report, your committee would say that from the returns and papers presented from different Lodges, they find them in a prosperous condition—yet your committee are of the opinion that some Lodges work too rapidly, inasmuch as they initiate a candidate at a regular communication; then the Lodge adjourns over for a day or two, then raises the same candidate.

"Your committee would recommend the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge of Illinois would recommend to the Lodges under their jurisdictions to do all their business in a Lodge of Master Masons, except conferring the first and second degrees. They would further recommend that all balloting for candidates for initiation be taken at a regular communication, and that no ballot for a candidate for initiation be taken at an adjourned Lodge, unless it be in case of emergency, which should be so stated.

"CARDING JACKSON,
PETER SWEAT,
CHARLES HOWARD."

Bro. D. Allen, (S. G. W.) of Alton, moved to amend the by-laws by striking out the word "Jacksonville" and inserting "the City of Alton"—which was laid over one year.

Communications from the Grand Lodges of Virginia, Mississippi, and Pennsylvania were presented by the Grand Secretary, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The Grand Secretary was directed to call upon Milwaukee Lodge for its returns and dues.

On motion of Bro. Goforth, of Belleville, the following was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Finance and Accounts, in connection with the Grand Secretary, be required to make a general report of the receipts and expenditures of this Grand Lodge since its formation, stating the amount received for dispensations, charters, and dues, separately and distinctly, and from whom received; also the amount expended, and for what purpose."

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor until 2 o'clock, at which time it was again called on. The grand officers were then installed.

Bro. Coffman moved that a delegate be appointed to attend the next communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, which was lost. The dues of Monroe Lodge were remitted.

On motion of Bro. Sweat, of Peoria, a vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. Dunlap, P. G. M., "for the able, dignified, and courteous manner" in which he had discharged his duties as Grand Master.

The Committee on Returns and Work reported adversely to the granting of the petition contained in certain resolutions of Warsaw Lodge No. 21. This resolution of Warsaw Lodge does not appear in the proceedings, neither is there any mention of the same in the records of Warsaw Lodge—consequently we are unable to present them.

The oration of Bro. Cooley was ordered to be printed with the proceedings, and two hundred copies additional for distribution. The Grand Master was authorized to grant charters during vacation, to such Lodges under dispensation as in his opinion were entitled to the same.

On motion of Bro. Lusk, the following was adopted :

"*Resolved*, By the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, that the rules for the organization and establishing a Grand Convention of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, as passed by the convention of Masons, at the meeting in May, in the year 1843, in the city of Baltimore, composed of eight sections, as the same are set forth in the printed proceedings thereof, be and the same are hereby adopted by this Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 7 o'clock P. M., at which time it again assembled and was called to labor.

The following was adopted :

"WHEREAS, The M. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, at their last communication, thought proper to withdraw from Nauvoo, Helm, and Nye Lodges, the dispensations which had been granted them, for gross unmasonic conduct; and *whereas* the M. W. Grand Master did during vacation send a special messenger to Nauvoo, and demand the dispensation aforesaid, which command was treated with contempt, and not only a positive refusal given by said Lodge, but a determination expressed to continue their work :

"*Now Resolved*, By this Grand Lodge, that all fellowship with said Lodges, and members thereof, be withdrawn, and the associations of Masons working these Lodges are hereby declared clandestine, and all the members hailing therefrom suspended from all the privileges of Masonry within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and that our sister Grand Lodges be requested to deny them the same privileges.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to address a circular on the subject to all the Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, and request the same to be published in all Masonic Periodicals."

On motion of Bro. Howard, the work as reported by Bro. Lusk was adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported as follows :

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave respectfully to report, that they have examined the Journals of Proceedings from the following Grand Lodges, viz.: New York, Maine, Maryland, District of Columbia, New Hampshire, Ohio, Alabama, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Kentucky, Rhode Island, Virginia, Georgia, Missouri, Florida, Connecticut, Iowa, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Massachusetts, Louisiana, and Mississippi. In all of which they find much of interest and instruction to the Masonic family—much which our limited time alone prevents us from noticing and bringing before your body for action, or at least encouragement, evidencing as they all do, that the sunshine of peace

and prosperity is shedding its benign influence around our time-honored institution—that the cloud of ignorance and prejudice which has for a time lowered over us, is passing away, and that Masonry, having out-lived the slander and detraction of ignorance, is now moving hand in hand with the intelligence of the age, and with the worthy and the good of every clime has an advocate and a friend.

“Your committee unfeignedly regret that time will not allow them to do justice to the matters contained in the journals before them; and that the object and the end of their appointment is thereby in a great measure lost to the Fraternity; believing that annual statement of the progress, history, prospect and condition of the several Grand Lodges throughout the world, together with their decisions upon questions of importance to the Craft, would do much to call forth that emulation of “who can best work and who can best agree.” The principles of our Order are the same. The interests of our Order are identical, hence, whatever of good or evil pertains to one, call forth the sympathy of all.

“Your committee beg leave to submit a summary of such matters, as they think most worthy of your consideration.

“And first, from that text-book of Masonry, the transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York, we beg leave to extract the following notice of her European correspondence:

“The Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Maine, have prepared and published an eloquent address on the institution and principles inculcated by Masonry, which every member of our Order might read with advantage.

“And now we come to notice the most important and interesting part of our duty, which is a review of the documents received from Switzerland. To do justice to this part of our report, we should have to transcribe those interesting documents entire. They are rich in Masonic lore, and, indeed, are the embodiment of every thing that is great and good, and valuable in our venerable and illustrious Order.

“We are indebted to Bro. Constantine Sargint, for an elegant translation of these valuable documents from the French, and for the loan of his translation, which was made by him for the Lodge of Strict Observance, of which he is a member.

“These documents comprise:

“1st. The general statutes and regulations of the National Grand Lodge of Switzerland.

“2d. Instructions and directions for the use of the Lodges.

“3d. Installation of the National Grand Lodge.

“4th. Extracts from the annual report of the Grand Master.

“5th. State and condition of Masonry in the years 5840 and 5841.

“6th. Report of the National Grand Master of Switzerland for the year 5842.

“We would respectfully recommend that all these documents be published for the use of the American Fraternity, and, instead of being distributed gratuitously, sold at a moderate price, by the authority and under the direction of this Grand Body, which would relieve it of any expense, while it would contribute to the diffusion of a vast amount of Masonic light and knowledge.

“We now proceed to give a few extracts from these papers. In the circular of the National Grand Master, he thus speaks:

“‘Masonry relies in the quality and not in the quantity of the brotherhood, and its firmest support is to be found in the happy choice of its initiates, and not in the frequency of its institutions.’ In another place he says, ‘the evil lays in the unfortunate facility of initiations. If faithful to the principles of Freemasonry, we would exact from candidates *a certain degree of education, easiness of circumstances, honor, morals, etc.* There would be no Mason unworthy of our benevolence, as no one would make of this title an object of speculation.’ And in another place: ‘Avoid above all the fatal error which makes the strength of a Lodge consist in the number of its members. Every virtuous man is our brother, but unfortunately every brother is not a true Mason. Should there be found among you *seven* brothers animated by the same zeal for the perfection of humanity, and who should actively work, be assured that such alliance would not the less be cherished by the entire Fraternity as just and perfect, and you would the more surely find in it the happiness of an intimate union.’

“The following is an extract from the report of the Grand Council of Administration, dated 10th of June, 5837.

“‘We will call to the recollection of the Lodges that they are formally engaged to perform the obligations presented by the general rules of the Grand Lodge, and which impose upon them the duty (so easily fulfilled) of sending annually to the National Grand Master a report of the work of the year past, together with a register of their members. We fervently solicit them to pay attention to the troubles to which those Lodges expose themselves which remain inactive for twelve months, or who allow that term to pass without sending either reports or register; and we should be excessively pained, if either the one or the other cause should compel us to apply the penalties of the General Statutes as provided in such cases. If the reports and registers are not regularly forwarded every year, gaps would unavoidably result in the archives of the Grand Lodge, which might become very hurtful should there be at any time a necessity of consulting them.’

“In another place: ‘Orations,’ delivered in Lodges, are recommended, ‘as a good school for every brother, who, in the profane world is called upon to speak in public, or to enlighten his fellow-citizens. We do not pay sufficient attention to the fact, that the Masonic virtues exercise a marked influence in the profane world.’

“In another place: ‘To act in accordance with the meaning of the Institution, it is indispensably requisite that you should be *Masons, and nothing but Masons*. You should endeavor to get rid of all prejudices and of all preferences of persons, place and circumstances. It is precisely one of the bad features of the character of our times, that we do not appreciate the intrinsic value of a man, but by his political coloring, a reproach deserved by all parties without distinction. If the Lodges and their members engage in these fatal views, they transform themselves into parties; they become clubs, arenas of bitter and irritating discussions, and ruin themselves and our association; as in political and religious matters, men do not listen to reason. Thus the principal Masonic statutes which forbid us to speak of these matters, either in the Lodge or in committee, are as ancient as they are wise; we, therefore, forcibly insist that they be strictly observed, because, as it is said with so much justice in one of the articles of general duties, it is by these means only that Freemasonry becomes a union for all men, draws together and binds with a faithful friendship, persons who without them would continually remain apart.’

“At a session of the National Grand Lodge of the 24th of June, 5842, Bro. Mieville, Venerable of the Lodge of Lausanne, on the occasion of the installation of officers, addressed the assembly—from which we make a few extracts:

'We are all employed in the raising of a Temple to Solomon! Every day we bear to it a stone; but our efforts not being sufficiently united, and from their deplorable isolations, were hurtful in their effects. Let us congratulate ourselves, R. W. brethren, that we now belong to a national Institution, which by Masonic ties will bind still more closely our social ones, and which offers to us in all the members of the alliance, friends and brothers, all of us zealous to discharge the double debt imposed upon us by the touching voice of our country, and the sacred appeal of Masonry.'

"A good Mason is always a good citizen, a just magistrate, a good son, and a faithful husband.' *

* * 'We establish well organized societies. Nay more, societies which bear an ardent love for their country, a respect for religion, obedience to the laws which govern us, and an unextinguishable love for good order and virtue.'

"When modern Masonry made its appearance with its systems, its innovations and its abuses, it necessarily opposed the natural tendency of Masonry and introduced into it hurtful changes.'

"Far be from us, all subjection of conscience, and all hierarchial despotism; they are both in contradiction to true Masonry. An association of enlightened men and free from prejudices, demands in this age, with great outcry, for a concordance of sentiments and action. But a society can never prosper if she acts arbitrarily or in the absence of laws. A legislative and executive force had to be formed as a basis of our alliance; every one should submit to it, as they have all freely voted for its adoption.'

"The most ancient Masonic documents, the most remote traditions, and the reiterated declarations of the Grand Lodge of England (which is acknowledged by all Orients as the mother Lodge of the ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons) prove that ancient and true Free Masonry consists in the three degrees of St. John.

"All Lodges, even those of modern Masonry, agree to it, by giving to themselves the name of St. John, but above all by celebrating the festival of St. John the Baptist, the patron of the Ancient Fraternity.

"Nevertheless, it is requisite and prudent not to precipitate that which may be an affair of belief or even of opinion, and the adage of our Grand Mother Lodge leaves us to hope that Masonry will, little by little, reunite that which is divided by opinion and prejudices.'

"Next follows, 'The general duties of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and Masonic regulations,' which is a complete body of Ethics; and being a compound of beauties from beginning to end, in order to do justice to any part, we should have transcribed the whole. We are reluctantly compelled to content ourselves with this bare notice of it, trusting that the whole of these invaluable documents will speedily be published, and thus afford the Craft an opportunity of feasting upon their delightful contents.

"The following extracts are from the report of the Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge, in the year 5840: 'The prosperity of all associations, and more especially a Masonic one, essentially depends on the matter in which it is composed. Unfortunately, (and experience proves it every day) we see that in all countries there are Lodges which are but just established, and frequently not without great effort, where we find arising among them frightful dissensions, which soon lead to suspension of work, and even to a dissolution of the Lodge itself, and if this result does not always happen, it is because sometimes there are found a clique of members who are bound together merely by interested motives, who endeavor by means of numerous initiations to fill the vacuum which a bad administration had produced in the funds of their Lodges. Deplorable examples might be adduced in support of these considerations.'

"It is something in this world not to make ourselves remarkable by our vices, but that we may become true Masons we should render ourselves distinguished by our real virtues.'

“The ritual requires an interval of thirty days between the time of proposing a candidate and his initiation, during which time, his name must remain affixed to the door of the Lodge in order that the members may have a knowledge of the same, and that they may oppose him if necessary, and at all events, that they may make inquiries on the candidate, especially if it is for initiation or aggregation. In departing from this wise prescription, the Lodges deprive themselves of the means of information in regard to the candidates, and expose themselves to the danger of initiating or affiliating in a careless manner, of which they may afterwards have reason to repent.’ There is another regulation of the ritual which we see sometimes eluded. It is that which requires an interval of one year between the 1st and 2d degrees, and the same between the 2d and 3d. It has this bad effect, that notwithstanding the assertion to the contrary, it is absolutely impossible for a brother, let his capacity or assiduity be what it may, to acquire in a shorter space, the knowledge of his degree, even in regard to its forms and customs. To neglect this regulation, and advance at the expiration of a few months, nay, sometimes a few days, a newly initiated member to the Master’s Degree, is an intolerable abuse, and it has likewise this fault also, that it strips all the merit from that degree, which is the most sublime one, and ought never to be attained, but as a reward of zeal, aptness and perseverance.’

“The next document that we come to, is on the ‘state and condition of Masonry in the years 5840 and 5841, extracted from the annual report of the Grand Council of Administration of the National Grand Lodge of Switzerland for 1841.’

“In this paper are notices of Grand Orients beyond the Sea, embracing Africa, America, Great Britain, with the continental Lodges of Belgium, Bavaria, Denmark, and Holstein, France, Frankfort on the Main, Hamburg, Hanover, Holland Prussia, Saxony and Sweden. At the close of this summary it is remarked, that, ‘In Austria, Russia, Italy, Spain, and Portugal, Masonry was heretofore tolerated ; it is at present prohibited. This result may be attributed in a great measure to the influence of bigotry, but it may also be to the circumstance, that they abused the signs of Masonry. That under cloak of this institution, they organized secret societies with political ends in view, and, in opposition to their solemn obligations, there were some Masons who assisted in it.’

“We have had occasion before, to remark on the illiberal conduct observed towards the Jews in some of the German Lodges, and extract the following account of a transaction which took place in the Lodge de St. George in Pin Verdoyant, at Hamburg:

““On balloting for an Israelite brother in this Lodge, the ballot box showed in a vote of 86, twenty negative ballots. From this there resulted a difficulty which was got over in a manner answering to the spirit of Masonic toleration ; and which did honor to the Lodge. In short, after having maturely examined motives which had actuated the rejection, and which consisted only in the difference of religious belief, she declared them inadmissible, and rested on the following reasons: “For a long time past, the Grand Orients of England, France, Holland, and North America, have admitted Israelites into the bosom of their Lodges. To refuse a Mason merely because he is not a Christian, would be contrary to the ancient statutes of the Fraternity. According to the most ancient documents of Free Masonry, regarding the initiation of a profane, or the aggregation of a brother, they simply require, that he should be no *Atheist*, and that he should profess the religion *upon which all men agree ;*” in other words, that he should be a good and faithful citizen, and a man of honor and probity.’

“The following notice is taken of the United States :

““The Grand Lodge of the State of New York is in a flourishing condition. She sends representatives to several Grand Orients.

““The emigration to that country of so many Europeans, has given rise to a diversity of rites, hurtful to the simplicity of the ancient and respectable fraternity. To remedy the confusion arising from it, the Grand Lodge of Alabama deemed it necessary to invite all the Grand Lodges of the Union to meet in convention at Washington, in March, 1842, in order to deliberate on a uniform ritual to be introduced in all the Lodges of the United States.

““This convention will present an opportunity for the establishment of a General Grand Lodge for the vast Empire of the United States.

"From information received of the Lodges in North America, we learn that many of them have so changed and augmented the signs of recognition, passwords and grips, that a foreign brother, wishing to visit those Lodges, can with great difficulty gain access to them. Simple certificates are no longer sufficient. In Germany, persons wishing to visit the United States are recommended to furnish themselves with special letters of recommendation to the Grand Lodge of New York."

"In the report of the National Grand Master of Switzerland, for the year 5842, in speaking of the United Grand Lodge of England, and in which is quoted the report from Hamburg, we have the opinion of the late lamented and most illustrious Grand Master of England, the Duke of Sussex, in relation to recent movements as to our Israelitish brethren, brought in incidentally with other matters, and we transcribe the whole, as no part can be well severed from the other:

"If the Grand Lodge of England (says the report, from Hamburg) attracts the special attention of the Masonic world, it is very natural, as we look upon her as the mother Lodge of Masonry, and more particularly as she has extended her relations and counts affiliated Lodges in the most distant parts of the globe.

"The Grand Lodge has revised and published in 1841, her general statutes; she has increased her establishments of benevolence by founding a school for both sexes, and opened, under the direction of the illustrious brother, the Duke of Sussex, an asylum for poor, aged, and infirm Free Masons.

"In the session of the 2d of March 1842, R. H. Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex, was unanimously re-elected to the duties of Grand Master. The same year the Grand Master, aided by his Grand Dignitaries, did, according to ancient Masonic custom, lay at Sunderland the foundation of a building intended for scientific purposes, under the name of "*Athenæum*."

"Appropos to the admission into our alliance of men professing the religion of Moses, this Grand Master has expressed himself in the following terms: "Among Free Masons, all differences of opinion in political matters or religious belief appears to me a matter of no importance, of whatever side, party, climate, or affinity they may be. These Masonic principles are those of all my life, and I can truly say that I have grown old in the exercise of the Royal Art of Free Masonry. They are my glory. They have procured me true relief in my troubles, a consolation in my afflictions, and when I turn my thoughts upon them, I feel growing young again by their sweet influence."

"In a fraternal audience lately given by H. R. H. to a brother at Berlin, and in the course of a long conversation, he expressed himself in the following terms: "I recollect still with pleasure, the time (1800) when I was Junior and Senior Warden and afterwards Master of the *Lodge, the Triumph of Truth*" (probably at Berlin). "Yes, my friend," added he, "Masonry is a universal good, which embraces and unites together men of every belief. Although this principle is not universally recognized, the time will come, and that soon, when it will be. We are marching towards this noble end, and our united efforts should be employed to arrive at it as speedily as possible. I am altogether in favor of the emancipation of the Israelites—and it is to be regretted that a number of Lodges in Germany are closed against them. Masonry should never close her portals to any enlightened man, let his religion be what it may, if he has been thought worthy of being admitted into the alliance. Although some contend that Masonry is a Christian institution, and that some of her details do not accord with other creeds, yet religion teaches us to love our neighbor, and that men are equal in the eyes of the Almighty. The Creator embraces all his creatures with the same love. Let the form in which others serve and adore God be what it may; let them swear on the Al Koran or on the Bible, the thought is always fixed on God;—and it is a weakness on our part to believe ourselves better than others. My zeal towards Masonry will never slacken. I belong to the Fraternity to the last breath of my life; and I will dedicate to her, with pleasure, all my faculties."

"This excellent Mason is no more. On the 21st of April last he was called to that Celestial Lodge, where he will receive the recompense of his Masonic virtues and his numberless services. We also, dear brethren, deplore this painful loss; for it was from his hands that we received the constitutional patent of the English provincial Grand Mastership for Switzerland, it was to his encouragement that we owe our constitution as an independent Grand Lodge; it was him in whom we were always sure to find under all circumstances a powerful and devoted protector. May you, dear brethren, as well as ourselves, guard in your

hearts the memory of the illustrious defunct, and his Masonic principles such as we have communicated them to you, as a species of testament from him'

"The last article which we shall notice in these interesting papers, is that in relation to our own Grand Lodge. It commences with this caption:'

"GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK, NORTH AMERICA.—This Grand Lodge has re-elected as her Grand Master the R. W. Bro. General Morgan Lewis. This Grand Lodge owes the distinguished and indefatigable activity of her Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. James Herring, several new relations with the Grand Orient of Europe. Our National Grand Lodge will place herself in a more intimate fraternal correspondence with her, by means of a reciprocal system of representation.

"The Masonic Congress convoked at Washington by the Grand Lodge of New York, met on the 7th of March, 1842. There were present delegates from the Grand Lodges, viz.: Rhode Island, Virginia, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, Maryland, Connecticut, District of Columbia, South Carolina, Alabama.

"They nominated two committees—one for a convention on the direction of the work of the three degrees for all the States in the Union, the other for the establishment of a regulating code (constitution of Lodges); but the Grand Lodges of the West not being represented, and that of Alabama not producing sufficient vouchers, they agreed to the proposition of nominating by each Grand Lodge one or more brethren, with the title of Grand Lecturers, who should adopt a project on the mode of instruction, and who should meet at least once in three years, for the purpose of comparing the work and rectifying anything which might require alteration. The General Congress has unanimously adopted this measure.'

"We have now gone through with what we consider to be among the most important of these highly interesting documents, and have not made an extract from or allusion to them which we did not consider of momentous import to the Fraternity. These excellent papers remind your committee that it is a part of their duty earnestly but respectfully to impress on this Grand Lodge the importance of regulating the system of initiating and raising candidates to the mysteries of our Order. Many causes might be assigned for the low estimate in which we are often held by the profane, and the cold and chilling apathy which often marks the footsteps of the Masonic brother; but to nothing does she owe her misfortunes more than that of the ignorance of her members as to the true knowledge of the art.

"We, as a body, appear to be content with the word, only, of her law—the spirit of her institutions we know but little of. We are content with the knowledge of a few of her signs and symbols, the attainment of which invite us to repose. Wearied with our great zeal and labor in her luxuriant fields, we relax from the operative part, and with a superficial knowledge thus obtained, we commence the speculative, and ultimately receive that portion for our reward which is meted out to those only who never turn up but the first strata of the soil. Then follows suddenly in its train dissension and want of brotherly love.

"We have also before us extracts from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Saxony, from the 8th of April, 1842, to the 15th of June, 1843, the whole of which ought to be spread before the Fraternity on this side of the Atlantic; but in what way to do it, your committee are at a loss, as the mass of these papers contain matter which, in our opinion, are not proper to be committed to paper. Things are unfolded in these documents which strike us with surprise. It appears that the G. H. S. of the third degree is proposed, by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, to be given to a candidate at his initiation in the first; and the Grand Master of Saxony recommends the adoption of the same course, and states that it is already done by some Grand Lodges. Subsequent, to-wit, on the 22d of March, 1843, the Grand Lodge of Hamburg actually adopted this innovation. This grave question was at that time again brought up in the Grand Lodge of Saxony, but it does not appear whether it was finally settled or not.

"On the 8th of April, 1842, a reciprocal representation and correspondence with this Grand Lodge was agreed upon; but 'the proposition of a representation from the Grand Lodge of Texas was adjourned, having heard that a change was to take place soon in the southern part of America in the Masonic line.'

"On the 18th January, 1843, Bro. Mensch, member of the United Lodges Three Schwerten and Astrea zum Graenendem Raute, in Dresden, who was formerly a resident of the city of New York, and a member of Albion Lodge No. 107, of said city, was proposed as representative of the Grand Lodge of New York; also the Breth. Von Lindt and Schwarze, both members of the Lodge Zum Golden Apfel, in Dresden.

"The Grand Lodge of Hamburg, on the 30th of July, 1840, concluded that in future the G. H. S. shall be communicated in the first degree.

"An anecdote is related of a soldier having saved his life at the battle of Wagram, in 1812, by being possessed of this sign. It was permitted to be communicated to an A. E. in private, but in open Lodge, in case the Worshipful Master, under certain circumstances, thought proper to do so. The Bro. Grand Orator, in stating these matters, observed, "that the three Grand Lodges in Berlin, and the Grand Eclectic Lodge in Frankfort on the Main, admitted a very similar proceeding, and he wished it might be uniformly adopted. Whereupon, the Worshipful Breth. Starke, Lucius, and the R. W. Dep. Grand Master, ascertained that a similar manner of proceeding in this matter is already used by some of the subordinate Lodges in Saxony.

"The R. W. Grand Master brought this subject before the representatives of the Lodges in order to obtain their instructions and opinions thereon.

"The letter to the R. W. Grand Lodge in New York, North America, and the R. W. the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas, had been read and adopted. They were to be translated into English before being directed to their destination.

"The R. W. Bro. Zacharius informed the Grand Lodge of the appearance of an adventurer by the name of Sivery. Also, that a certain brother has false certificates in his possession.

"Amas de Swiry (or Siwry), as he declares, is a painter and Grecian Colonel, born in Athens, and educated in Alexandria. He was arrested on the 11th of April, 1844, at Gernsback, for bad behavior, drunkenness, and vagrancy. He produced a French passport dated d'Espinal, 6th June, 1841, and made out the following story of his life:

"I served under Napoleon in the army as Mameluke, and afterwards with the Pasha Soliman, of Egypt, as Colonel. I don't know, myself, to what religion I belong; I speak all languages. I come from France, Italy, and Switzerland, and I intend to go to Hungary. I can not remember that I said yesterday evening, the German Princes should all tremble if my plan should succeed, because I was drunk. I got once a heavy blow on my head, and if I drink some wine, I am ever troubled in my mind, and don't know what I say.'

"Among his papers were found some Masonic documents, which left no doubt that he was recommended for charity by Freemasons in Strasburg and Baden, and a certificate with the signature of Soliman Pascha. He was obliged to leave the territory of Baden and Wirtemberg, and afterwards he was arrested again in Elberfeld and Cologne.

"This information led to the supposition that he wasn't at all the man that he pretended to be, but rather it is probable that he was formerly a Mason by profession, and the name seems to be Emerick Wenzel, from Landenburg, in

the Grand Duchy of Baden, who deserted the military service of his country, and then became a vagrant in Italy, Spain, Egypt, and Greece, and afterwards returning to Germany, that he adopted the name of Count Nicholas Leonidas, and styled himself a Captain in the service of the King of Greece. He spied out the credulity of people of rank and distinction, and embraced this opportunity to his profit; but particularly in Lodges of Freemasons, he found every where an easy admission, because he unfortunately understands too well how to give the evidence required for that purpose.

"The description communicated to us is as follows: Age 46 years, black hair, upon the crown of his head somewhat thin; particular marks, pitted with the small-pox, and a perceptible cicatrice on the head. He speaks very fluently German and French; his deportment is vulgar, and somewhat affected.

"The proceedings of the 15th of June, 1843, contain extracts from the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Hanover, which we insert, as some useful hints may be taken from them:

"No brother can be elected an officer of a Lodge until he has been *three years a Master Mason*.

"A Fellow has to work at least one year in that degree before he can be admitted to the 3d degree.

"An Apprentice has to remain at least two years in that degree.

"Any Lodge that does not work for three years forfeits its charter. To revive the Lodge, she is obliged to take a new charter. Any dormant Lodge shall deposit all its documents, charter, minutes, etc., with the Grand Lodge.

"A candidate who is black-balled three times, can never be proposed again.

"In balloting for a candidate for *initiation*, every visiting brother shall have a right to vote, because the candidate becomes a member of the Craft in general.

"No Mason initiated in a clandestine Lodge can be admitted; but each Freemason in good standing, of any nation and *profession of faith*, shall be admitted. However, every Lodge may, in individual cases, proceed according to its by-laws."

"The Grand Lodge of Saxony elected three Censors, whose duty it is to watch over every Masonic work intended for publication by any brother of a subordinate Lodge.

"Since closing this report, and only on the day previous to our present session, we have received voluminous documents from Hamburg and Holland, the latter of which it will not be in our power to notice at all, as they are now in the hands of the translator, with the exception of two dispatches from the Low Countries, one directed to this Grand Lodge as a body, and the other to our Grand Secretary.

"The former we can but glance at, and extract such matters as more immediately concerns us.

"At the quarterly communication of January 31st, 1840, a proposition was made to establish a society in connection with the mercantile branch of the Ship-brokers' Union, for the assistance of those needy brothers about to embark for America, and a very lengthy report was drawn up. A counter report was drawn up, stating some political difficulties, and there the matter appears to rest.

"A candidate must be twenty years and five months old before he can be initiated.

"There is an Order in France called the *Ordre de Temps*, who hold no communion either with the Grand Orient or the Supreme Council, and whose rites are nearly similar to the Knights Templar of Germany, Sweden, England, and America, which in 1804 was constituted into a Lodge by the Grand Orient, by the title *La Loge et Chapitre des Chevaliers de la Croix*.

"It is stated in the quarterly communication of April 24th, 1841, among the reports of other Grand Lodges, that the annual expenses of the Grand Lodge of

England was about £3000 sterling; that the Grand Secretary receives a pension of £80 sterling.

"St. John's Day, June 24, 1841, a report was presented to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, of the state of the Fraternity over the whole globe. At the same time, Bro. Phemoller was introduced as the representative of the Grand Lodge of New York, with a warm address from the Grand Master, which was responded to by one of equal warmth. The M. W. Lodge was then closed, and an E. A. opened, when brethren not members of the Grand Lodge were admitted. Refreshments were served up, after which a cantata was sung, composed by Bro. Peasy, a poetical address was then delivered by the Grand Orator, Mr. Baetzel, and at 6 o'clock a procession was formed, accompanied by music, to the banqueting hall, which was splendidly ornamented for the occasion.

"Regular quarterly session of August 17th, 1841. The transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York was received of its annual communications of 1839 and 1840, and to March, 1841, with a great variety of interesting matter.

"At the regular quarterly session, held November 13th, 1841, a decision was given against the project of establishing a society for the protection of emigrants into foreign countries.

"At an emergent meeting, held December 4th, 1841, it was stated that the Supreme Council of France had, in 1834, entered into a confederacy with the Supreme Council of New York.

"Regular session of September 4th, 1842, contains the annual proceedings, which should have taken place on St. John's Day, and was postponed on account of the great fire. The day was kept as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, for having been preserved from that awful conflagration.

"We now come to notice the communication from the National Grand Master of Holland to this Grand Lodge, and also that of the R. W. F. A. Van Rappard, the Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge, to the R. W. Bro. Herring, our Grand Secretary, in both of which a direct and permanent correspondence between the two grand bodies is urged and solicited.

"These documents are accompanied by—

"1st. A copy of the code of laws of that Grand Orient.

"2d. A copy of all the annual reports.

"3d. The Rules of Order for the grand officers, etc.

"4th. The list of Lodges which work under that jurisdiction.

"Having already stated that these documents are now in the hands of a translator, and that they have just come to hand, we shall defer any further notice of them until our next quarterly communication.

"The Grand Lodge of Maryland approves of the system of lectures adopted and agreed upon by the convention of Masons at Baltimore, in May, 1843, and has directed that the same be adopted by all the Lodges under her jurisdiction. She refuses her assent to the sending of a delegate to Europe. She has forbidden the subordinate Lodges under her jurisdiction to confer the degree of Past Master upon any one who has not been duly elected to preside in the chair (a practice we did not suppose had ever obtained under the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge). She is also in favor of the establishment of a grand Masonic Convention, to meet triennially, possessing certain specified powers.

"The Grand Lodge of Indiana is now in a flourishing condition. The subordinate Lodges are all doing well, and the Fraternity is prosperous. She has been somewhat embarrassed in consequence of the subordinate Lodges taking notes of hand in payment for degrees and dues. This is a practice which can

not meet with too much condemnation; one which should never be indulged in; much better forgive the debt than settle it by note. The Grand Master in his address recommends that 'to improve the leisure hours that frequently occur in a lodge-room, lectures on the several degrees of Masonry, or on some useful branch of science, can not be too strongly recommended.' With the refinement of the age in which we live, and the great advancement of the arts, it must be conceded that these advantages are only enjoyed by the few, whilst the many remain untaught.

"In an association like ours, embracing every class of good citizens, it would seem no difficult matter, with a small amount of funds, to collect a large amount of that which would be useful to all—specimens in botany, geology, mineralogy, to which may be added, by some ingenious mechanic, directed by scientific men, apparatus in hydraulics, mechanics, and specimens in architecture. These, with weekly lectures during the long winter evenings on those subjects, with chemistry as connected with the arts and agriculture, it seems to me would do more in one year to elevate the Masonic standing and cultivate the human mind, than has been achieved by the Craft in the last forty years. The acquisition of knowledge by abstract instruction is hardly obtained by the many, hence the reason why but few are learned, and that villages are better informed than those living in the country. In some of the eastern Lodges in this State, lectures within the last year have been delivered with highly beneficial results.' This Lodge also recommends a Manual Labor School, for the benefit of the orphans of Masons. She does not approve the system of Grand Lodge certificates.

"The Grand Lodge of Alabama appears to be in an improving and flourishing state. She recommends highly the policy of appointing representatives to the different Grand Lodges—a policy which we beg leave to recommend to the early attention of this Grand Lodge. She also reprobates the practice of conferring degrees until the fees are paid, as one fraught with danger to the Masonic Institution.

"The Grand Master of Maine speaks highly of 'a re-print of Masonic papers,' originally printed at Madras, in the East Indies, which they say they have examined with much interest, and recommend it as being worthy the careful perusal of all Masons who are in pursuit of *more light*. This report on foreign correspondence, next to that of New York, we consider the best and most worthy attention of any we have had the pleasure of examining. From the able and eloquent exposition of the Masonic Institution and principles of our Order, we are satisfied that it was prepared by a committee who perfectly understand the work, and are fully able to lay down designs upon the trestle-board for the instruction of their brethren. They notice circulars received from Breth. Chas. W. Moore and John Dove, in relation to the trestle-board, which letters have also been read to this Grand Lodge.

"The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire approves of the plan of a triennial convention, and also of the lectures and work adopted by the Masonic Convention at Baltimore.

"The Grand Lodge of Virginia dissents from the work published by Bro. Moore, of Massachusetts, and declares by resolution that it is not a true exposition of the work as adopted by the Masonic Convention at Baltimore.

"We regret exceedingly the difficulty which has arisen between Beth. Moore and Dove—it has already been productive of much feeling, and will ultimately work much injury to the Masonic Institution, and your committee recommend

that it is unadvisable at this time for the Grand Lodge of Illinois to take any other part in the controversy than to sincerely express their regrets that in the Masonic family such difficulties should arise.

"The Grand Lodge of Georgia is in a highly flourishing condition. The Fraternity generally throughout her jurisdiction are increasing in numbers and respectability. She speaks thus of the representative system: 'We can not too highly approve of the representative system now existing to some extent with the various Grand Lodges throughout the world, and urgently recommend that arrangements be forthwith made to insure the representation of this Grand Lodge at as many other Grand Lodges as possible.'

"The Grand Lodge of Arkansas also highly approves of the representative system, and of the proposed triennial convention system.

"The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire is also in a flourishing condition. The several reports of her District Deputy Grand Masters are full of interest, and manifest much attachment to the interest of Masonry. In relation to the trestle-board, they unanimously say by resolution: 'That the Masonic trestle-board, by R. W. Breth. Chas. W. Moore and S. W. B. Carnegy, adapted to the National system of work and lectures, as revised and perfected by the late U. S. Masonic Convention, be and the same is hereby approved, and it is hereby ordered that the same be used by the several Lodges under this jurisdiction as a guide and text-book in their labors.'

"The Grand Lodge of Kentucky had a very interesting meeting. The brethren there, never *wearying in good works*, are industriously engaged in establishing a high school for the education of the orphan children of Masons. This is a subject of intense interest to the Masonic family—one which would do more to insure the perpetuity of human liberty, free institutions, and the principles which have ever been taught in the Masonic sanctuary, than anything else—for Masonry and the cultivation of the human intellect have ever gone hand in hand, and when the latter has been developed, the former has always been disseminated. To our brethren, therefore, who are engaged in this good cause in Kentucky, Missouri, and elsewhere, *God speed* you; and we indulge an abiding hope that the day is not far distant when the Grand Lodge of Illinois, now in its infancy, will *do likewise*.

"Brethren, if time permitted, we might extend this report much further, but we must here come to a close, regretting that all of you could not have the pleasure of examining the returns which have been laid before us; if you had, you would have been satisfied, beyond the possibility of a doubt, that the pillars of Masonry stand erect and unleaning, and give earnest to the world that the edifice which they support has stood, and will stand, throughout all time, the buffetings of prejudice and ignorance, an asylum for the virtuous and the good of every nation and of every clime.

"Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

"W. B. WARREN,
L. LUSK."

The Committee on Finance and Accounts reported that they had found the reports of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer correct, and that there was in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, \$207.58, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, \$402.35, making the whole amount of funds \$609 93. The Grand Treasurer was authorized to use the funds in the treasury until the next annual communication, as a compensation for his services.

The Grand Lodge was then closed.

The membership reported by the several Lodges is as follows: Bodley, No. 1, 35; Equality, No. 2, 17; Harmony, No. 3, 22; Springfield, No. 4, 33; Macon, No. 8, 24; Friendship, No. 7, 31; St. John's, No. 13, 18; Warren, No. 14, 37; Peoria, No. 15, 34; Temperance, No. 16, —; Macomb, No. 17, 16; LaFayette, No. 18, 65; Hancock, No. 20, 16; Warsaw No. 21, 13; Franklin, No. 25, 8; Hiram, No. 26, 15; Piasa, No. 27, 12; Monroe, No. 28, 7. Temperance, No. 16; Clinton, No. 19; Milwaukee, No. 22; and Cass, No. 23, made no returns. The membership of these Lodges is estimated to be twenty each. Total membership reported, 403; estimated, 50; total, 483. There were also reported eighteen Fellow Crafts, one Entered Apprentice, and five deaths.

BODLEY LODGE NO. 1.

The brethren reported raised by this Lodge during 1844, are as follows: J. Rossel, Feb. 2; R. E. Smith, March 22; A. McKee, April 9; M. Keis, April 12; J. Rentz and J. Keis, May 10; R. Naylor, May 17; E. C. Davis, May 24; J. P. Kryder, Aug. 8; V. Zimmermann, Sept. 5; William F. Bauermeister, Nov. 4; C. McVay and Samuel Hutton, Nov. 24; William H. Cather, Dec. 10.

On the first of April the following action, relating to the Lodges at Nauvoo, was taken:

"The W. Master remarked that the Nauvoo Lodges were working and finishing their hall, notwithstanding their dispensation had been withdrawn by the Grand Lodge.

"Bro. Freeman was called upon, and stated that he had learned that the Nauvoo Lodges were still at work, receiving, passing, and raising Masons, and that the brethren of Warsaw Lodge had notified the grand officers on the subject.

"On motion of Bro. Stahl,

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to inform the Grand Master of this State, that the Nauvoo, Keokuk, and the [other] Lodges in and about Nauvoo continue to work, and that they having given notice in a public paper of their intention to consecrate their Masonic Hall, on the 5th inst., and that the said Masons pretend not to be in possession of official notice that they were deprived of their charter and dispensation."

May 3, we find the following on record: "A bill was presented by the German band of musicians, for services rendered at the funeral of Bro. J. B. Ijahms." This is the only notice of the decease of that brother. May 17, the Lodge received a notice from Peoria Lodge No. 15, that that Lodge purposed to celebrate the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill, and the death of General Warren, first Grand Master of North America, and invited Quincy Lodge to join in the ceremonies on Tuesday, June 18.

On this invitation the following action was taken :

“ After due deliberation, the Lodge

“ *Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to strike out that part of the invitation relative to the political meeting, and send it back to our brethren at Peoria.”

The obnoxious political allusion contained in the invitation was to the effect that in addition to certain attractions therein set forth, a political assemblage would be held in Peoria on the day following, “ to which the most eminent orators and statesmen in the Union had been invited, and which its friends expect to be the largest that ever met in the State.”

The committee on arrangements for St. John's Day, reported the following correspondence, which explains itself :

“ *To the Trustees of the Congregational Church at Quincy :*

“ The undersigned committee appointed by the Bodley Lodge of Quincy, respectfully ask the permission of the trustees and of the people of said church, for the public use of their edifice, on Monday, the 24th day of June next, for the religious exercises of the institution.

“ In behalf of the Masonic Fraternity,

(Signed)

“ J. H. HOLTON,
H. S. COOLEY,
R. E. SMITH. } *Committee.*”

To this request the following reply was made :

“ *To the Committee of the Bodley Lodge at Quincy :*

“ In reply to your request for the use of the Congregational edifice for the religious exercises of the Masonic Fraternity, on the 24th of June next, we must plead ignorance as to the nature of the institution, and its religious worship, and as said church is *nominally* dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, we feel compelled to withhold our assent.

“ In behalf of the First Congregational Church,

(Signed)

“ A. COMSTOCK, *Trustee.*

“ QUINCY, May 2d, 1844.”

Ah ! indeed ?

June 24, the Lodge celebrated St. John's Day. Thirty-four members of the Lodge and seventeen “ visitors to Bodley Lodge,” twenty-eight members and visitors of Palmyra Lodge, twenty-nine members and visitors of Hannibal Lodge, three from New London Lodge, eleven members of Columbus Lodge No. 5, one from Hiram, No. 26, were present. Among those from Palmyra were P. H. McBride, Grand Master of Missouri, Stephen W. B. Carnegie, P. G. Master same State. Past Grand Master Jonas was also present. The Lodge having formed a procession, preceded by the Quincy band, “ marched through several streets of the city ” to the Baptist church, where, after prayer by the Rev. Bro. Best, of Palmyra, an oration was delivered by Brother Creath, which was followed up by an appeal on behalf of the Masonic College of Missouri,

by Bro. R. E. Smith. The Lodge and its visitors, "accompanied by about one hundred Masons' wives, widows, and orphans," proceeded to the Quincy House and partook of a "most excellent dinner."

Oct. 7, Bro. Hedges, an officer of the Lodge, asked leave to demit, which was denied, on the ground that he being an officer could not resign or demit.

Oct. 20, the Lodge buried the remains of Bro. D. Nelson. "At the appointed hour, clothed in white aprons and gloves, they proceeded to the *Congregational Church*, and thence to the burying ground, where the usual ceremonies were performed."

Nov. 4, Breth. Cooley, Harris, and Headley were appointed a committee to select some orphan boy, to be by the Lodge sent to the Masonic College of Missouri. In the record of Dec. 10, we find the following: "The question came now before the brethren, whether the Lodge give up its charter or not, whereupon a motion was made to surrender the charter, which motion was lost." This action appears to have been taken in consequence of the numerous demissions—most of the German brethren having withdrawn.

Dec. 26, the following officers were elected: F. G. Johnston, W. M.; J. H. Ralston, S. W.; H. S. Simmons, J. W.; Enoch Conyers, Treasurer; S. Hutton, Secretary.

Dec. 28, the following appointments were made: L. Palmer, S. D.; A. Van Fleet, J. D.; M. Keiss, Tyler.

EQUALITY LODGE NO. 2.

This Lodge did no work beyond two initiations and one passing during the year 1844. At the January meeting (6th), the officers elected in December, 1843, were installed. June 24, the following were elected: A. W. Pool, W. M.; J. W. Hamilton, S. W.; Valentine F. Evans, J. W.; Wm. Siddall, Treasurer; J. R. Smoot, Secretary; Joseph E. Watkins, S. D.; John Howard, J. D.; William Ellage, Tyler.

HARMONY LODGE NO. 3.

In the absence of any other information, the return of this Lodge for 1844 is here given:

"A. C. Dickson, W. M.; J. Hickman, S. W.; J. T. Sigler, J. W.; Mat. Stacey, Sec.; J. M. Lucas, Treas.; W. B. Warren, S. D.; A. Dunlap, J. D.; W. S. Hurst, Tyler.

"*Past Masters*.—William B. Warren, S. W. Lucas, John T. Jones, P. Coffman, John Gregory, Mat. Stacey, George Hackett, A. V. Putnam.

"*Master Masons*.—Dennis Rockwell, Jas. T. Holmes, C. Ludlum, W. W. Happy, J. A. McDougal, A. Dickerson, W. H. Delph, E. J. Dunlap."

SPRINGFIELD LODGE NO. 4.

This Lodge reported the following brethren raised during 1844: Arnold R. Robinson and James Leaton, June 5; Balsar Hicki and D. B. Campbell, Sept. 23; William B. Fonda, Nov. 18; Benjamin Mordecai Moses, Dec. 3.

January 12, Bro. Lusk presided and lectured the Lodge, and also on Jan. 13. July 29, Bro. Zwisler resigned as W. M., and the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, That we tender to our highly esteemed Bro. James Zwisler, late W. M. of Springfield Lodge No. 4, our sincere expressions of Masonic friendship; and that as a brother among us, we hold him in high esteem."

The election of a Master to fill the vacancy was deferred until next regular meeting.

Bro. Helm having resigned his membership, was created an honorary member for life.

August 24, Bro. William Lavelly was elected Master, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Bro. Zwisler.

November 18, Bro. James Shepherd, the Secretary, having demitted, Bro. N. W. Matheny was appointed in his stead. At this meeting Bro. Lavelly ordered a fine of twenty-five cents each assessed against eighteen absent members.

December 27, officers as follows were elected: William Lavelly, W. M.; George R. Weber, S. W.; N. A. Garland, J. W.; Maurice Doyle, Treas.; A. R. Robinson, Sec.; James Leggott, Tyler. The following appointments were made: Z. P. Cabanis, S. D.; John Uhler, J. D.; Francis A. McNeill, Master of Ceremonies. The Finance Committee reported that the Lodge was indebted to the Treasurer in the sum of \$84.70.

Far West Lodge No. 5, still continuing under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, made no returns to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and no returns were received from Columbus Lodge No. 6.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 7.

H. B. McKenney, N. G. H. Morrill, and Isaac Means, Feb. 1; S. A. Mason, Jacob M. Morrill, and William P. Burroughs, Feb. 29; J. B. Nash, Oct. 24; F. H. Burrows and Le Grand Wynkoop, Dec. 19, were raised by this Lodge in the year 1844. March 9, it was voted to celebrate St. John's Day, and a committee of *ten* appointed to make arrangements. April 25, this order was re-considered, in consequence of the inability of the Lodge to defray the necessary expenses. May 30, the following officers were elected: Horace Preston, W. M.; James Campbell, S. W.; D. B. McKenney, J. W.; James McKenney, Treasurer; Jacob M. Morrill, Secretary; Nathan Morehouse, S. D.; Stephen Fuller, J. D.; Joseph Mason, Tyler.

MACON LODGE NO. 8.

This Lodge raised in the year 1844, Brethren J. J. Patterson, March 2; William Stamper, March 15; B. Y. Hooper, March 17; William J. Condell, April 22; George Goodman, April 29.

May 25, upon motion of Bro. Gorin, it was ordered that the business of the Lodge should be transacted in the Master's degree, except the initiating of candidates and passing to the second degree. An invitation was received from Peoria Lodge No. 15, inviting the Lodge to attend the celebration of the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill, which was declined with thanks.

The semi-annual election was then held, resulting as follows: Charles H. Pringle, W. M.; J. R. Gorin, S. W.; William Stamper, J. W.; H. Robinson, Treas.; Jasper J. Peddicord, Sec'y; James Ashton, Tyler. June 24th, the Treasurer reported \$1.87½ in the treasury. Sept. 14, the Lodge interred the remains of Bro. William Bosworth. Oct. 19, the by-laws were so amended as to provide for election of officers annually, before 24th of June, instead of twice each year as heretofore, yet on the 24th November the following officers were elected for the ensuing twelve months: Charles H. Pringle, W. M.; William Stamper, S. W.; Preston Butler, J. W.; Henry Prather, Treas.; W. J. Condell, Sec.; James Ashton, Tyler. George Goodman and J. Y. Braden were appointed Deacons.

RUSHVILLE LODGE NO. 9, and JULIET LODGE NO. 10.

These Lodges made no returns to the Grand Lodge in 1844.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 13.

The following raisings were reported by this Lodge for the year 1844: Wm. Paul, J. Baxley, Mar. 28; T. B. Elliott, May 30; — Cook, June 25.

March 28, the Lodge invited Bro. Lusk to be present at his earliest convenience and lecture the Lodge. May 30, the Lodge held its semi-annual election, at which Bro. A. Kirkpatrick was elected W. M.; Asa Holdredge, S. W.; W. J. Cox, J. W.; Ambrose O'Connor, Sec.; Wm. Paul, Treas.; E. M. Moore, S. D.; J. Baxley, J. D.; T. B. Elliott, Steward and Tyler. Dec. 19, an election was held, which resulted in transferring Bro. Holdredge from the West to the East; G. W. Gilson was elected S. W.; T. B. Elliott was taken from the ante-room and placed in the South; Wm. A. Merritt was elected Treasurer; Wm. Paul, Secretary; J. Baxley, S. D.; — Hennessy, J. D.; and — Cook, Tyler.

WARREN LODGE NO. 14.

The following named brethren were added to this Lodge by raising during 1844: H. H. M. Butt and William Banks, Feb. 10; James S.

Alexander, Feb. 26; M. J. Pearce, Mar. 9; Frederick Wolflin, Mar. 23; Norris Hobart, July 30; Joseph B. Cockrell, Sept. 30; E. J. Reardon, Nov. 30. March 9, the Treasurer having failed to settle, the Secretary was ordered to hold in his possession all funds thereafter coming into his hands. May 28, the Lodge accepted an invitation to celebrate St. John's Day with the brethren of Smithland, Kentucky.

June 24, officers were elected for the "twelve months ensuing," the by-laws relating to elections having been amended. This election resulted in the choice of E. H. Gatewood, W. M.; E. Bogardus, S. W.; E. R. Roe, J. W.; John L. Campbell, Treas.; T. C. Buntin, Sec.; C. Gold, S. D.; E. J. Nicholson, J. D.; James M. Jones, Tyler. Bro. Bogardus "feeling unwilling to act any longer in the office of S. W., resigned, and Bro. J. S. Roberts was chosen in his place." Whereupon, Bro. Bogardus was appointed "Conductor," and Bro. Hobart, Chaplain. The Lodge then proceeded to the Presbyterian Church, where the officers were installed, an oration being delivered by Bro. Roe. Upon their return to the lodge-room, the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Fraternity be tendered to the ladies of Shawneetown, for their liberality, kindness, and sumptuousness in having a dinner provided for the occasion."

PEORIA LODGE NO. 15.

Raisings as follows: A. Wren, Feb. 3; Martin L. Tucker, April 13; Vivaldi W. Potter, May 11; John H. Rankin, May 14; W. F. Bryan, June 1; William H. Fessenden and William Compher, June 3; Clark Cleveland and Charles W. Hall, June 6; Moritz Brey and M. M. Webb, June 8; M. L. Leopold, Aug. 23.

On the 3d of February, the officers elect were installed, Breth. Heyl and Hurd having been appointed Deacons. The financial condition of the Lodge did not appear good, as there was in the treasury but \$9.65. The Lodge had in addition to this, one hundred dollars loaned out, which, as the record informs us, "was in process of collection in the Peoria Circuit Court." The Finance Committee reported \$56 due the Lodge from its members.

It will be remembered that at the December meeting (1843), Bro. Heyl offered a resolution providing for the celebration of St. John's Day. At the meeting of March 2, this resolution was taken up, when it was decided "that the Lodge celebrate *a day* in June next," and appoint a committee of arrangements, who, on the 6th of March, published the following notice:

"MASONIC CELEBRATION."

"Peoria Lodge No. 15, will celebrate the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill, and the death of Gen. Warren, first Grand Master of North America, in the

town of Peoria, on Tuesday, the 18th day of June next. Neighboring Lodges are invited to attend as such, and all transient brethren in good standing will be cordially welcomed.

"Committee of Arrangement,

*"J. C. HEYLE,
A. O. GARRETT,
A. M. HUNT."*

"P. S.—A large political assemblage is to convene in Peoria on the day following, (19th). Should any of the delegates to said convention belong to our Fraternity, it is presumed they would be gratified in participating with us in the celebration, as it is expected the exercises of the day will be imposing.

"PEORIA, March 6th, 1844."

It was the political allusions contained in this notice and the letter of invitation sent Bodley Lodge, to which that Lodge objected.

On the 30th of March, Bro. Metcalfe introduced a resolution providing that every candidate should state on his petition "that he has read and approved our by-laws." This is a good practice, and should be required of all Lodges.

June 18, the celebration took place as intended. A copy of the programme of the occasion is pasted in the record before us. One hundred and one brethren were present. The procession left the hall at 10 o'clock, and proceeded to the Methodist Church, where an oration was delivered by "Bro. Henderson, of Stark county," followed by an address from Bro. Sam'l H. Davis, "on the beauties of the Fellow Craft's degree." The Lodge and its visitors then returned to "Bro. Garrett's" (the Planter's House), where one hundred and thirteen were entertained.

The ode used on this occasion we re-produce :

1.

"Sacred to Heaven, behold the dome appears!
Lo, what august solemnity it wears!
Angels themselves have deigned to deck the frame,
And beauteous Sheba shall report its fame.

2.

"When the Queen of the South shall return
To the climes which acknowledge her sway;
Where the sun's warmer beams fiercely burn,
The Princess with transport shall say,
Well worth my journey, I've seen
A Monarch both graceful and wise,
Deserving the love of a Queen,
And a Temple well worth the skies.

3.

"Open ye gates, receive a Queen who shares
With equal sense your happiness and cares;
Of riches much, but more of wisdom see,
Proportion'd workmanship and Masonry.

4.

"O! charming Sheba, here behold
 What massy stores of burnished gold!
 Yet richer is our art!
 Wisdom and beauty both combine,
 Our art to raise, our hearts to join!
 Give to Masonry the prize,
 Where the fairest choose the wise;
 Beauty still shall wisdom love,
 Beauty and order reign above."

August 17, the remains of Bro. Aquilla Wren (raised Feb. 3), were interred with the honors of Masonic burial, in the "new Masonic burial ground." Thirty-three brethren were present at this funeral—nearly the whole membership. On returning to the Lodge room, the following resolution was passed:

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Lodge be tendered to Bro. William Hale for his liberal donation to the members and friends of Peoria Lodge No. 15, of the block on Jackson and Perry Streets."

Breth. Rouse, Underhill, and Sweat were appointed a committee to see that the lot was properly surveyed, fenced, and otherwise taken care of.

Sept. 28, Bro. Davis resigned, as Master, and Bro. Peter Sweat was elected, "he having passed the Oriental chair in a regular Lodge of Past Masters." The Lodge had up to this time been holding its meetings at Bro. Garrett's Hotel (the Planters House), but the meeting just referred to was held "over Bro. P. Sweat's store,"

Oct. 5, the Lodge met in its "new hall, corner of Washington and Fulton streets."

The record of Oct. 26, bears upon it a plat of the block presented by Bro. Wm. Hale, for a burying ground (for which donation he was created an honorary member), by which it appears that it had been surveyed and laid off in lots, numbering in all 163. The plat was (or is) nearly square, one corner being cut off by "Isaac Underhill's Lane." But three of these lots are marked as being occupied, or owned.

Dec. 27, the following officers were elected: Geo. T. Metcalfe, W. M.; John C. Heyl, S. W.; William Darst, J. W.; William E. Mason, Treas.; John H. Rankin, Sec.; George W. Rodecker, Tyler.

The attendance upon the Lodge during the year averaged twenty-nine.

TEMPERANCE LODGE NO. 16.

But one brother was raised by this Lodge during 1844, viz.: Charles Kinsey, Jan. 4.

May 21, an invitation was received from Peoria Lodge No. 15, to join with that Lodge in celebrating the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill, which was declined, owing to the distance of Vandalia from Peoria.

June 19, semi-annual election. William Hodge "was elected W. M. by acclamation;" Quintus C. Alexander, S. W.; C. H. Hodge, J. W.; G. C. Wood, Treasurer; Wm. M. Black, Secretary; D. B. Hodge and J. T. B. Stapp, Deacons; Moses Phillips, Tyler. All these officers were elected unanimously, save the Treasurer. June 24, these officers were installed. Dec. 9, the following officers were elected: Quintus C. Alexander, W. M.; C. H. Hodge, S. W.; G. C. Wood, J. W.; Abner Johnston, Treas.; William M. Black, Sec'y; Moses Phillips, Tyler.

Dec. 16, the Lodge buried, with the usual ceremonies, Bro. William Hodge, late W. M. Dec. 27, the same sad rites were had over the mortal remains of Quintus C. Alexander, the Master of the Lodge.

MACOMB LODGE NO. 17.

Bro. James W. Bailey, July 13, was the only brother upon whom the Master's degree was conferred during the year.

July 13, the following officers were elected: Joseph E. Wyne, W. M.; Thomas A. Brooking, S. W.; Cyrus A. Lawson, J. W.; Charles M. Bartleson, Treas.; Pinckney H. Walker, Sec'y; William Ervin, S. D.; Nelson Montgomery, J. D.; and George H. Rice, Tyler. These officers were not installed until Oct. 4, owing to the inability of Bro. Wyne to procure the Past Master's degree, which was finally done, and the officers installed.

Dec. 26, another election was had, Grand Master Lusk presiding. Pinckney H. Walker was elected W. M.; William Ervin, S. W.; Joseph E. Wyne, J. W.; C. M. Bartleson, Treas.; Nelson Montgomery, Sec'y; John Anderson, Steward and Tyler.

Dec. 27, Grand Master Lusk installed the officers, having conferred the Past Master's degree upon Bro. Walker. Ten dollars was voted to the subscription to compensate Bro. Wm. K. Stewart, for his services in the town of Macomb as "Preacher."

LAFAYETTE LODGE NO. 18.

This Lodge raised the following brethren during the year: W. B. Snowhook and J. L. Howe, "3d Monday in January"; E. L. Sherman and William Sheer, Feb. 17; D. J. Surdam, Feb. 20; J. J. Huntley, A. C. Taylor, P. P. Robinson, and V. A. Boyer, March 18; Cornelius Lansing, March 25; Thomas Brooks, April 1; — Getzler, June 3; Isaac N. Arnold, June 17; John J. Jackson, Aug. 20; Joshua Bell, Sept. 2; Isaac P. Hatfield, Oct. 1; John B. Irvin, Nov. 4; Charles R. Starkweather and W. S. Brown, Dec. 2; Lot Whitcomb, Dec. 3; Virgil H. Eachus, Dec. 11.

On the 20th of May the Lodge was notified of the death of Bro. H. L. Gibson, a Fellow Craft. At this meeting it was

"Resolved, That this Lodge is not furnished with the constitution (of the Grand Lodge); we will delay paying any more dues until they are furnished;

And the Secretary was directed to inform the Grand Master of the fact.

On the 17th of June the semi-annual election was held, resulting as follows: Carding Jackson was elected W. M.; H. W. Bigelow, S. W.; M. Taylor, J. W.; Samuel J. Lowe, Treas.; L. C. Kercheval, Sec.; John Davis, S. D.; Alfred C. Taylor, J. D.; John Ferns, Tyler; R. Chester and R. J. Hamilton, Stewards. The Lodge refused to celebrate St. John's Day in a public manner, and ordered the installation of officers (which was June 24th) to be performed "with closed doors." At this meeting the petition for Belvidere Lodge was recommended. Sept. 2, Bro. Kercheval resigned his office as Secretary, when Bro. V. A. Boyer was elected to fill the vacancy, and on motion of Bro. W. F. Walker, a vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Kercheval. Nov. 18, Bro. William Jackson was initiated, the Lodge voting to charge no fee for his initiation, on account of services rendered the Lodge by his father, Carding Jackson.

Dec. 2, Bro. Florence Mahoney presented the Lodge with a "Master's Carpet" for which a vote of thanks "was unanimously passed." At this meeting a "petition of sundry persons to form a new Lodge was presented and acted upon, and petitioners recommended to the Grand Lodge of Illinois." We have no knowledge as to what Lodge this record alludes to, but presume it was Apollo No. 32. Dec. 16, another election was had, when Bro. Carding Jackson was elected W. M.; M. Taylor, S. W.; Samuel J. Lowe, J. W.; H. W. Bigelow, Treasurer; William S. Brown, Secretary; Thomas Brooks and George B. Fearing, Deacons; Capt. J. Jackson and I. P. Hatfield, Stewards; I. P. Hatfield, Tyler.

CLINTON LODGE NO. 19.

As this Lodge made no returns in 1844, and we are not in possession of its records, we are at this time unable to give any information concerning it.

HANCOCK LODGE NO. 20.

This Lodge made the following return in 1844: Lewis Evans, W. M.; Benjamin Avise, S. W.; Alexander Sympson, J. W.; George Bailman, Sec.; Chauncey Robinson, Treas.; E. S. Freeman and Samuel Comer, Deacons; Franklin J. Bartlett, Steward; Wm. G. Yetter, Tyler.

Past Masters.—Lewis Evans, B. A. Gallup, B. Avise.

Master Masons.—Thomas Burnett, William Daniel, Wesley Williams, R. T. Smith, O. C. Skinner, David E. Head, George W. Thatcher, Harney L. Summers.

Fellow Craft.—Elihu Pembroke.

Died.—Andrew D. Bogua, August 14, 1844.

WARSAW LODGE NO. 21.

Three brethren were raised by this Lodge during 1844, viz.: William Y. (or T.) Head, July 22; J. C. Davis, Nov. 18; W. H. Roosevelt, Dec. 2. Dec. 19, the Lodge elected the following officers: A. J. Chittenden, W. M.; John Montague, S. W.; J. Berry, J. W.; Wm. H. Roosevelt, Treas.; H. Stephens, Sec.; Mark Aldrich, S. D.; Isham Cochran, J. D.; German Andrews, Tyler.

MILWAUKEE LODGE NO. 22.

We are unable to afford any information regarding this Lodge.

CASS LODGE NO. 23.

This Lodge did not confer the third degree during the year 1844. No meetings were held in the months of December 1843, and January 1844. February 3, the following action was taken :

"Bro. William Bassett moved that Cass Lodge No. 23 be removed to Beardstown, Cass county, Illinois, and that its regular meetings be hereafter held at that place. The motion was seconded and thirded."

On February 22, the motion was adopted, and the next meeting, (March 28) was held at Beardstown, where the Lodge has continued to meet up to the present time. No meetings held in April, June, September, October, November and December. /

ST. CLAIR LODGE NO. 24.

The raisings reported by this Lodge during 1844 are: Moses Hart, Feb. 13; E. H. Talbot, April 2; Ausby Fike, Aug. 37; Timothy Hinkley, Sept. 3. April 2d, "a communication was received from the St. Louis Lodge of Secret Monitors, which was upon motion laid on the table." May 14, the Lodge decided that no brother should advance until proficient on the preceding degree. May 28, the petition for Monroe Lodge (28) was recommended. Bro. Taylor resigned as Secretary. June 11, we find the following recorded :

"A communication was received from the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, acknowledging the receipt of four dollars from St. Clair Lodge No. 24, by the hands of C. G. Y. Taylor, the Secretary, also noticing the conduct of Bro. —, in participating in the procession had by the Lodges at Nauvoo, at the time their hall was dedicated. * * * On motion, a committee was appointed to investigate and collate the particulars in relation to Bro. —'s conduct while at Nauvoo, in participating in their Masonic procession. Bros. Taylor, Hook, and Mace were appointed said committee." An invitation was received from the

Lodge at Alton, requesting St. Clair Lodge to assist them in celebrating the 24th June, which was declined because the election of officers took place on the 25th. June 15, a like invitation was received from the Lodges at St. Louis, and disposed of in the same manner. June 25, the following officers were elected: George Kelly, W. M.; Seth Catlin, S. W.; George W. Hook, J. W.; David Wilver, Treas.; J. Mace, Sec.; Julius Raith, S. D.; J. L. D. Morrison, J. D. The election of Tyler was held over until the next meeting. An invitation extended by Monroe Lodge to celebrate the fourth of July on the 6th, was accepted. The case of the brother charged with associating with clandestine Masons of Nauvoo, was taken up and postponed indefinitely. July 9, the officers were installed, and the committee on the Nauvoo matter reported as follows:

"The committee appointed to investigate Bro. —'s conduct while at Nauvoo, on a late excursion in an alleged participation in Masonic ceremonies with individuals who were members of Masonic Lodges under arrest, and in fact, whose charter had been demanded, but which said Lodge very improperly refused to surrender to the authorities appointed to receive them, would most respectfully state that it is a matter of great delicacy with them to report upon the conduct of one with whom they have been so long and favorably connected in Masonic privileges, nevertheless they feel their paramount obligation to the Order whose honor has on this occasion been more particularly intrusted to their care, the ancient landmarks and usages of which it is the duty of all true Masons to cultivate and perpetuate; therefore they hope no exceptions will be taken should the committee speak with that frankness, candor, and severity which the importance of the subject demands. First, then, it is evident that a principle which all true Masons recognize as a fundamental principle, the violation of which is most solemnly interdicted, has by Bro. — been violated, viz.: Holding Masonic communion with clandestine Masons, which fact is received from Bro. —'s letter to Bro. Helm of Springfield and to the G. S. at Jacksonville, which reads as follows:

"'With the Masons at Nauvoo I associated in procession (not in work) attended their dedication ceremonies of the Masonic hall of Nauvoo as a Mason.' Bro. — should have known that there is probably not an instance in the annals of the Order where a Masonic procession was had without the Lodge or Lodges being opened in some of the degrees, in fact it could not have been a Masonic procession otherwise. If otherwise it would have been a procession of Masons, which in regular Masonry is a very different thing.

"If the above reasoning be correct, and we think it is, then it follows that Bro. — associated with those individuals in their Lodge capacity, and of course involved himself in their pretended Masonic labor, of whatsoever character it was, and also by his presence and association gave countenance to their illegal and contumelious operations. The above facts necessarily present the following inquiry to the mind: Did Bro. — knowingly commit the above named violation? Bro. — states in his letter 'having heard previous to my visit there, that they labored under the disagreeable sentence of suspension from the G. L. of Ills, &c., I cautiously approached there any association. Inquiry was made if they labored under the sentence, the answer was positively no! producing the dispensation and declaring it had not been demanded by proper authority, and

further stated that no cause existed for suspension. Under those assertions, I felt at ease.'

"Our first business is with the first part of the above extract, viz.: 'Having heard previous to my visit there that they labored under the disagreeable sentence of suspension from the G. L. of Ills.' Now the proof is clear that Bro. — knew as well as he ever knew any historic fact, that their operations had been by the authority of the Grand Lodge interdicted. It is worse than useless on his part to plead ignorance or any other circumstance as a refuge. The subterfuge is too weak to receive attention for a moment. The committee will, however, give the facts which prove his knowledge in relation to the disability under which those Lodges labored. First, our W. M. had received the information from the officers of the Grand Lodge personally, and had communicated it to our Lodge. Secondly, Bro. — endeavored to vouch for the admission of a Mr. Younger into our Lodge, which the Lodge refused to admit because he was a member of one of those Lodges which were illegally working. Bro. — stoutly contended for the admission of his friend, but was peremptorily denied because the individual occupied the position of a clandestine Mason. Bro. — is well apprised of every fact urged in the premises at the time. Thirdly, the Secretary of his own Lodge cautioned him particularly the day before he started for Nauvoo, not to have any Masonic connection with the Nauvoo Masons, reminding Bro. — of the interdiction of the Grand Lodge in their case.

"Next we come to the second clause of the above extract, which reads thus: 'I cautiously approached there, any association. Inquiry was made if they labored under this sentence. The answer was positively *no!* producing the dispensation and declaring it had not been demanded by proper authority.'

"Bro. — also states in his letter to Dr. Helm and the Grand Secretary, that he read a copy of a letter detained in Helm Lodge (Nauvoo) responsive to the demand of the G. L. of Ill. for their dispensation. Your committee can not see that Bro. — evinced much caution in the matter; if he had, certainly the response of Helm Lodge to the G. L., as well in fact as in tone, together with the facts he received from his own immediate brethren, should have convinced him there was something wrong, and of necessity that wrong must be with the subordinate Lodges, as their life and existence depended upon the G. Lodge, from from which all legal authority emanates, the mere intimation from the G. Lodge for her subordinates to suspend or deliver their warrants on the part of the subordinate Lodges, should be met with courtesy and obedience, and by individual Masons respected and honored.

"After the officers of the Grand Lodge had demanded their dispensation, it was an insult on the part of Helm Lodge, still to call upon the Grand Lodge for authority to stop them in their work. And it is heaping insult upon insult for an individual Mason, after having set at naught the will of the G. Lodge, to reiterate the call for proper authority to investigate the Nauvoo difficulties. The committee have indulged in this seeming digression to show that in the face of the clearest facts proving the illegal operations of the Nauvoo Lodges, Bro. — wishes to justify and exonerate himself by taking the position of a mediator calling for investigation by the G. Lodge, as though she had acted arbitrarily and ignorantly in the premises.

"The committee do not wish to indulge in mere conjectures, but it does seem that Bro. — was determined to participate in the Nauvoo display, though he should do it in contravention of the usages of Masonry, if so he could but es-

cape the expressed condemnation of the Order. We think this is evident from the fact that he stated to several before he left Belleville that he proposed going to Nauvoo to participate in the dedication of the Masonic hall erecting there, and also from the fact that he took his Masonic regalia with him for the occasion. Your committee are aware that no good end would be answered by inflicting punishment upon an individual who had acted innocently or ignorantly in the premises, yet where there is a flagrant violation of the principles of the Institution, it should be met with rigor and severity. We feel, from the facts which have been stated, that Bro. — acted knowingly in the case, and most willfully violated Ancient Masonic usage.

"In view of the above, your committee feel it their duty to offer the following resolutions:

"1st. *Resolved*, That Bro. —, by participating with the Nauvoo Lodges in procession, &c., treated the authorities of the G. Lodge with contempt and violated an ancient established principle of the Fraternity.

"2d. *Resolved*, That as Bro. — has acted unmasonically as is shown, by the above report, and expressed in the resolution preceding this, the Lodge deal with him according to Masonic usages in the Fraternity.

Dated June 14th, 1844.

"C. G. Y. TAYLOR,
G. W. HOOK,
J. MACE. } Committee."

The sentence, as assessed, was then carried into execution. Oct. 2, the delegates to the Grand Lodge were directed to vote for the removal of the Grand Lodge to Springfield.

PIASA LODGE NO. 27.

The first meeting of this Lodge of which we have any record, was held October 15th, 1844, at which time the following brethren were present:

"DAVID ALLEN, Worshipful Master.
TIMOTHY SOUTHER, Senior Warden.
SAM'L G. BAILEY, Junior Warden.
J. C. KETCHAM, Secretary.
ISHAM HARDY, Treasurer.
J. W. SCHWEPPE, Senior Deacon.
S. R. DOLBEE, Junior Warden.
WESLEY NOLAND, Tyler.

"BRETHREN.

"EDWARDS and WATSON.

"VISITING BRETHREN.

"DODGE, MAXEY, LEBOLD, BOSTWICK, HIBBARD, CLARK, DOW, HUNTER."

All the visiting brethren were from Franklin Lodge No. 22.

No formal organization was had, the Lodge going right to work by conferring the Master's degree upon N. G. Edwards. The Master's degree was conferred upon Breth. L. F. Morin, Nov. 5; J. D. Pearce, Nov. 14; Edward Keating, Dec. 24.

November 21, Bro. Charles Howard dedicated the hall, constituted the Lodge, and installed the officers. St. John's Day (Dec. 27) was appropriately celebrated by Piasa and Franklin Lodges.

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MISSOURI.

FAR WEST, NO. 29, AT GALENA.

Raisings reported, — Myetr, April 27; — Oliver, May 25.

Dec. 26, the following officers were elected: H. H. Gear, W. M.; Robert Thompson, S. W.; Mathew Fawcett, J. W.; John E. Smith, Treas.; M. Y. Johnson, Sec.; Wm. B. Whiteside, S. D.; James Armon, J. D.; J. P. De Zoya and — Hoack, Stewards; Wm. M. Campbell, Tyler.

On the 13th December, the following letter was written:

“GALENA, December 13th, 1844.

“*To the Grand Lodge of Missouri:*

“The undersigned, appointed a committee at a regular meeting of Far West Lodge 29, held in the city of Galena, on the 23d of November, A. L. 5844, to collect the dues of the members and remit to the Grand Lodge, would respectfully represent unto your Ancient Order that, owing to many causes, this Lodge has not prospered, but regular meetings have been held, at which little or no business has been done; that the records of the Lodge have been indifferently kept; that it is now next to impossible to determine who are the members at this time, some having demitted, and others removed from the State, with very many having joined the Dubuque and Platteville Lodges, where they are now paying dues. They have thought proper, with the abstract of the proceedings herewith sent, to send the names of those belonging to the Lodge whose names are subscribed to the constitution, and with their names, the dues for two years of the members in arrears. By so doing, we will be rendering to the Grand Lodge an act of justice, and placing ourselves in a situation to exert an influence in carrying out the object of the Order:

“The names of members—Charles Gear, A. T. Crow, Geo. M. Mitchell, William B. Whiteside, Joseph Doplar, M. Fawcett, Daniel Wann, T. B. Farnsworth, William M. Campbell, John McNulty, J. B. Latham, Richard Patterson, Robert Thomson, A. C. Davis, Hezekiah H. Gear, Edward W. Turner, E. F. Ogden, T. C. Legate, and Nicholas Wall; being \$26.50 due the Grand Lodge, at seventy-five cents a year. We herewith enclose you a draft for the amount, which you will please accept, and credit this Lodge with the amount.

“We are also directed to request of the Grand Lodge an acquittance, so we can join the Grand Lodge of this State, or Wisconsin, they being much more convenient to this Lodge.

“All of which is respectfully submitted.

“Yours fraternally,

(Signed.)

“M. Y. JOHNSON,
ROBERT THOMSON.”

MARION, NO. 59, AT SALEM.

Raisings reported, Franklin Conant, S. Joseph Wronowski, and W. A. Thomas, April 9; Abner F. Haynie and H. M. Grant, July 8; Samuel J. Hunn, Dec. 24; Wm. J. Stephenson, Dec. 27.

March 11, the following election was had: W. H. H. Barnes, W. M.; H. P. Boyakin, S. W.; J. A. Goudy, J. W.; Van Tramp Turner, Treas.; H. S. Mills, Sec. At the meeting of June 10, Stephen W. B. Carnegie, Grand Master of Missouri, presided.

July 8, the Lodge held another election, resulting as follows: Henderson P. Boyakin, W. M.; A. F. King, S. W.; Ira Potter, J. W.; S. J. Wronowski, Treas.; H. S. Mills, Secretary. On August 27, Isaac G. Barr was initiated, and Sept. 12, the Lodge performed the melancholy duty of interring his remains. The usual resolutions of sorrow and respect were passed, also the following:

"It was unanimously resolved, That we do believe it to be the duty of this Lodge to guard especially the minor children of deceased Bro. Isaac G. Barr, and to see that they are properly educated."

Nov. 11, the Lodge held another election, making the third in one year. The officers, with the exception of Master and Senior Warden, were re-elected—Breth. Barnes and King exchanging stations.

Franklin and Hillsboro Lodges made no return to the Grand Lodge in 1844, consequently we are unable to extend any information concerning them.

CHAPTER XVIII.

1845.

GRAND LODGE.

The sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Jacksonville, on Monday, October 6th, 1845.

"PRESENT:

- "M. W. LEVI LUSK, Grand Master.
- R. W. NELSON D. MORSE, Sr. Gr. Warden, *p. t.*
- " " WILLIAM LAVELY, Jr. Gr. Warden, *p. t.*
- " " and Rev. W. F. WALKER, Gr. Chaplain, *p. t.*
- " " PHILIP COFFMAN, Gr. Treasurer.
- " " A. C. DICKSON, Gr. Secretary, *p. t.*
- " " JAMES L. ANDERSON, Sr. G. Deacon.
- " " NATHAN DRESSER, Jr. Gr. Deacon, *p. t.*
- " " EDGAR BOGARDUS, Gr. Sw. Bearer, *p. t.*
- " " WILLIAM ERVIN, Gr. Pursuivant, *p. t.*
- " " JOHN GREGORY, Gr. Tyler.
- M. W. ALEX. DUNLAP, Past Gr. Master.

"REPRESENTATIVES:

- "WILLIAM S. HURST, J. W., Harmony Lodge No. 3,
- Z. P. CABANIS, *proxy*, J. W., Springfield Lodge No. 4.
- WILLIAM LAVELY, W. M. No. 4, and *proxy* for Macon Lodge No. 8.
- JAMES L. ANDERSON, W. M. No. 9.
- Rev. W. F. WALKER, *proxy*, S. W., Joliet, No. 10, and W. M. St. John's, No. 13.
- WILLIAM STUART, *proxy*, S. W., Joliet, No. 10.
- JOHN GREGORY, *proxy*, S. W., St. John's, No. 13.
- EDGAR BOGARDUS, W. M., No. 13.
- WILLIAM ERVIN, W. M., No. 17.
- NATHAN DRESSER, *proxy*, S. W., No. 17.
- LEMUEL SMITH, J. W., No. 17.
- NELSON D. MORSE, W. M., No. 26.

"VISITORS:

- "SAMUEL STONE and JOSEPH G. CASSELL, of No. 3.
- CHARLES W. CHATTERTON and DAVID LOGAN, of No. 4."

Of these representatives, Breth. Walker and Stuart, who represented No. 10, were members of Oriental and Apollo Lodges, U. D., at Chicago; John Gregory, who represented No. 13, was a member of No. 3; and Wm. Lavelly, who represented No. 8, was a member of No. 4.

The Grand Lodge being opened, and the reading of the minutes of the last communication dispensed with, the Grand Master delivered the following address:

"BRETHREN:—I regret very much that circumstances over which I had no control were such that I was not able to collate and throw into form some of the most important portions of our foreign correspondence, together with a report of my own actings and doings as Grand Master, as a kind of annual communication from the Chair, for the action of the Grand Lodge. I am, however, constrained, under the circumstances, to content myself with selecting but one or two of my acts, in which I conceive are embraced vital principles, for the approval or disapproval of this Grand Lodge in similar cases that may hereafter arise.

"I received a communication a few weeks ago from a worthy brother, propounding several queries upon the following premises, viz.: A man had been initiated and passed to the second degree, and upon application to be raised, was rejected. Query: Can he take the degree in any Lodge without the unanimous consent of this Lodge? Until after twelve months, can he be ballotted for in this? To which I answered, in substance, that a rejection upon a ballot for a degree did not amount to a suspension or expulsion from a Lodge, nor did it divest the applicant of the rights, privileges, or benefits of the degree or degrees which he might have taken; that if he was rejected for want of skill, whenever he perfected himself in the degree or degrees he had taken, he had a right to demand and receive a higher degree, unless there were other objections; in that case, the objections should be embodied in the form of charges, to which he should be required to answer. I also decided that it would be highly improper for another Lodge to confer the degree, without the consent of the Lodge which had rejected him.

"One other matter I will lay before the Grand Lodge. At the last grand communication a committee was appointed, at the suggestion of the Committee on Petitions and Grievances, to repair to Keokuk and make certain investigations, and report to the Grand Master. Bro. Montague, of Warsaw, and two others were appointed. Some time after, Bro. Montague informed me that it was not convenient for them to act, and requested me to appoint others. I named to him several brothers in that neighborhood, and authorized him to select and appoint two to act with him, and report to me. I do not know what his action has been. I submit the foregoing for the action of the Grand Lodge."

He then reported granting four dispensations for new Lodges—one at Barry, Pike county; two at Chicago (Apollo and Oriental); and one at "Charleston, Coles county, by the name of Morning Star."

So much of the address as related to decisions, was referred to Breth Walker (33), Anderson (9), and Bogardus (14).

The following committees were then appointed:

To Examine Visitors.—Bogardus (14), Hurst (3), and Stuart (32).

On Lodges U. D.—Morse (26), Anderson (9), and Lavelly (4).

The latter committee were enjoined by the Grand Master to report in the afternoon, so that the Lodges reported upon by them might be admitted to representation by their delegates.

The Grand Lodge then *adjourned* until 2 o'clock P. M.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, Oct. 6th, 1845.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present, as in the morning, with the addition of:

"JOHN C. HEYLE, S. W., Peoria No. 15.

GEORGE T. BROWN, *proxy* for W. M., No. 25, (Franklin), and S. W. of No 27.

W. H. GAYLE, *proxy* W. M., No. 28.

JOHN R. CRANDALL, W. M., No. 29.

JOSEPH JACKSON, S. W., Barry U. D.

FRANCIS A. McNEILL, P. M., No. 4."

The Committee on Lodges U. D. made report recommending the granting of charters to Morning Star Lodge No. 30, Jefferson Lodge as Mt. Vernon No. 31, Apollo Lodge No. 32, and Oriental Lodge No. 33, when Adam Brewer was admitted as the representative of No. 30, William W. Bennett No 31, William Stuart No. 32, and W. F. Walker No. 33.

The following standing committees were appointed:

On Chartered Lodges.—Cabanis (4), Ervin (17), and Hurst (3).

On Petitions and Grievances.—Heyl (15), Ervin (17), and Gayle (28).

On Finances and Accounts.—Dresser (17), Morse (26), and Stuart (32).

On Foreign Communications.—Walker (33), Crandall (29), and Dunlap (3).

At Bro. Dunlap's request, he was excused from attending the last named committee, whereupon the Grand Lodge substituted the Grand Master in his place.

Bro. McNeill offered the following resolutions, which were tabled:

"*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Grand Lodge, there may occur cases of emergency, in which the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, may be conferred without requiring the petition of the applicant to lie over the usual time; and that the several Lodges, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, are hereby authorized to exercise their discretion in reference to such cases, observing, at the same time, the utmost caution and prudence, so that the ancient regulations of the Order, requiring petitions for initiation to lie over one month, be not set aside for light or trivial causes.

"*Resolved*, That any resolution of this Grand Lodge contrary to the above is hereby repealed."

Bro. Walker offered the following resolution, which was laid over for consideration:

"*Resolved*, That the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby instructed to require of every candidate initiated, that he perfect himself in the lecture appertaining to the First Degree, before being *passed* to the

Second; and in that of the Second before being *raised* to the Third; and in that of the Third Degree within one year from the time of his being *raised*; and that he satisfy the brethren by examination in open Lodge, of his being so perfected; and that the Worshipful Master of each Lodge is expected to provide for such instruction being given in each case as is contemplated by this resolution."

The following preamble and resolution, offered by Bro. Lavelly, were adopted :

"WHEREAS, The constitution of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge declares that 'all questions and elections shall be decided by a majority of the votes given,' and does not authorize the passage of any by-laws inconsistent therewith; therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That so much of the 16th section of the By-Laws adopted by this Grand Lodge as requires 'a majority of two-thirds of the votes present' to adopt any proposed amendment thereto, is inconsistent with, and in violation of, the constitution of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and is hereby declared to be null and void."

The following, on motion of Bro. Walker, was adopted:

"*Resolved*, As the sense of this Grand Lodge, that in conferring the First and Third Degrees, it is not proper to introduce more than one candidate at one and the same time."

There seems to have been some difficulty regarding charter fees, for in the record appears the following, which was laid over for consideration :

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that fifteen dollars only is required by Sec. 7, of the By-Laws, for a dispensation, and seven dollars only, additional for a charter, including Grand Secretary's fee, and that in all cases where a greater sum has been paid, the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby instructed to refund such surplus, and to call on the Grand Secretary for an adjustment of the same with the Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to seven o'clock.

MONDAY EVENING, Oct. 6th, 1845.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present, as in the morning, with the addition of a "great many visitors, residents of Jacksonville, together with J. R. Fayerweather, of Des Moines Lodge No. 1, Dubuque, Iowa."

The Grand Lodge having resumed its labors, Breth. Walker and Stuart were invited to rehearse the lectures in the first, second and third degrees. Those of the first and second were rehearsed, but a want of time prevented the recital of those of the third.

"The lectures, as rehearsed by these brethren, were commended by the Grand Master, and unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned to 8 o'clock Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, Oct 7th, 1845.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, with the addition of

"JAMES H. RALSTON, S. W., No. 1.
 LOUIS WATSON, *proxy* J. W., No. 1.
 W. J. DeHAVEN, *proxy* W. M., No. 23.
 R. F. KIPPENBURG, *proxy* S. W., No 23.
 WILLIAM S. HURST, *proxy* for No. 16."

The Grand Lodge having resumed its labors, Bro. Ralston presented a petition from Bro. Charles Steinagle, and others, of Quincy, asking for a dispensation for a new Lodge, to work in the German language, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions and Grievances

The resolutions offered by Bro. Walker, on the day previous, were taken up and adopted.

The report of the Grand Treasurer, (which we here give) was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance :

<i>"P. COFFMAN, Treasurer, &c., in account with the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois :</i>							<i>Dr.</i>
"Oct. 5th, 1841, to this amount of cash of Grand Secretary.....							\$129 00
" "	1842,	"	"	"	"	"	120 00
" "	1843,	"	"	"	"	"	318 56
" "	10th, 1844,	"	"	"	"	"	282 35
Total.....							\$849 91

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"Oct. 4th, 1841, by amount paid to Bro. Adams.....							\$ 50 00
" "	1842,	"	"	"	"	for printing.....	50 75
" "	1843,	"	"	"	"	Bro. Nye, charity fund.....	25 00
" "	"	"	"	"	"	for printing.....	17 00
" "	1844,	"	"	"	"	Grand Lecturer.....	25 00
"Jan. 9th,	"	"	"	"	"	Bro. Putnam for printing constitutions....	10 00
" "	"	"	"	"	"	Bro. Hodge for printing proceedings.....	40 68
"Sept. 3d,	"	"	"	"	"	James Adams in full account.....	110 80
" "	"	"	"	"	"	Grand Marshal.....	20 50
" "	"	"	"	"	"	Grand Tyler.....	10 25
"Oct. 10th,	"	"	"	"	"	Grand Tyler for services.....	9 17
Dec. 4th,	"	"	"	"	"	charity to Bro. Semerville.....	10 00
"Jan. 10th, 1845,	"	"	"	"	"	Geo. Henry, charity.....	30 00
"Feb. 11th,	"	"	"	"	"	for printing oration.....	22 00
"Mc'h. 4th,	"	"	"	"	"	Henry's bill for work.....	7 50
" "	10th,	"	"	"	"	Sweet for printing.....	49 00
"By balance in my hands.....							362 26
"Total.....							\$849 91

"All of which is respectfully submitted,

"P. COFFMAN, Grand Treas.

"October 6th 1845."

The Grand Lodge then went into an election of officers, resulting as follows :

"REV. WILLIAM F. WALKER, Chicago, M. W. Grand Master.
NELSON D. MORSE, Henderson, R. W. Dep. Grand Master.
EDGAR BOGARDUS, Shawneetown, R. W. Sr. Grand Warden.
JOHN R. CRANDALL, Pekin, R. W. Jr. Grand Warden."

At this point the election was suspended, in order to take up amendments of by-laws.

The amendment in relation to the striking out of the first section the word "Jacksonville," and to insert "Alton," and the same amendment in regard to Peoria were tabled temporarily.

The amendment to strike out "Jacksonville" and insert "Quincy," and the amendment to the amendment to strike out "Jacksonville" and insert "Springfield," were put to vote and lost.

The amendment to strike out "Jacksonville" and insert "Springfield," was taken up, pending the consideration of which the Grand Lodge adjourned to two o'clock.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, Oct. 7, 1845.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present: As in the morning, with the addition of

Carding Jackson, D. G. M., and W. M. No. 18; John Bailhache, proxy, J. W. No. 27.

The Committee on Lodges U. D. made an additional report, recommending the granting of a charter to Barry Lodge as No. 34, and recommending that so much of their by-laws as permitted the Lodge to receive petitions from persons rejected in other Lodges, after a lapse of twelve months from said rejection, be amended so as to require permission from the Grand Master or the Lodge that rejected the applicant.

The report was adopted, and Bro. Joseph Jackson. S. W. of No. 34, admitted as its representative.

The amendment to the by-laws to strike out "Jacksonville" and insert "Springfield," was taken up and lost.

The cities of Alton and Peoria shared the same fate. A motion to reconsider as regarded Peoria, was also lost.

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address made report as follows:

"The committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address, as relates to certain queries propounded to him, regarding the refusal to an applicant, by a subordinate Lodge, of a subsequent degree, after such Lodge has conferred upon him the First or Second, beg leave respectfully to report:

"That they have had the subject referred to them under consideration, and would submit as follows:

"In the opinion of your committee, the views of the M. W. Grand Master are strictly Masonic and just. The rule of this Grand Lodge requires that every petition for admission to our Masonic institution, before being acted upon, shall have been in possession of the subordinate Lodge to which it may be addressed, at least one month.

"This rule, adhered to, effectually guards such Lodge against being at any time surprised into an election before due opportunity shall have been afforded to investigate the character and standing of the petitioner, and all its members have been notified of the application. For, if the petition be not presented, as it should be, at a regular meeting of the Lodge, such a meeting must inevitably occur between its reception and the balloting, *i. e.*: Where the regular meetings are not held less seldom than once a month, which is no where the case, it is believed, in this jurisdiction; and as every member of a Lodge is supposed to be in his place at the regular meetings, as required by the constitutions, every member is thus fully and duly notified of all applications, and warned that his action will be permitted on them. If, then, when the ballot is ordered in a certain case, it be found clear in favor of the applicant, he is, and is to be declared to be elected, and entitled to the degrees and mysteries of Freemasonry, as he shall qualify himself to receive them, unless by after apostacy from duty he should subject himself to censure and discipline. From the time of the candidates initiation, every Mason is bound to hold his peace in regard to objections which might have previously been urged against him. He may, and should be stayed upon either degree until his proficiency therein qualifies him for being passed or raised, as the case may be, but not *stopped*, except for dereliction in duty, subsequent to his admission to the Order, or to the degree last taken: in which case it is the duty of the Lodge to see that charges embracing the same are preferred, the matter investigated, and action had in accordance with the result. In no case may a subordinate Lodge justly or Masonically refuse the subsequent degrees to any one whom it has initiated, for causes alleged to have existed prior to initiation."

"It is almost needless for your committee to observe that private or personal feeling should never be allowed to influence in the discharge of the solemn duty of voting on a question regarding the conferring of degrees. It being the internal qualifications of a man that recommend him to be a Mason, the inquiry should always be as to such qualifications, without respect to other and adventitious circumstances which may have excited feelings or enlisted prejudices. If tried by the 'Great Light' in our profession, the candidate be found to be of good report, the duty of all true Masons is clear in the case; and when his prayer has been once answered affirmatively, and steps have been taken in accordance therewith, there may, as already stated, in the opinion of your committee, thereafter be no arrest, but for causes which may have sprung into existence subsequently.

"Those Lodges which have provided in their by-laws that 'an unanimous ballot shall be necessary for each degree,' should, in the opinion of your committee, interpret said provisions in accordance therewith, or alter the same so as to require a vote instead of a ballot for the second and third degrees, in order that the cause of objections at any time arising to a candidate, may be at once arrived at; that if it be for the want of suitable proficiency, it may be removed by further instruction; if for dereliction in duty, that charges may be preferred and an investigation be had.

"Your committee are of the opinion that it would be a wholesome rule for this Grand Lodge to observe, that no candidate who has once been rejected shall be balloted for again in the same Lodge, unless there be present all who were present at the time of his rejection; and not in another Lodge within this jurisdiction in less than twelve months, and not thereafter without permission of the Grand Master, and of the Lodge which rejected him.

"Such are the views of your committee, sustaining entirely the opinion of the M. W. Grand Master, embraced in the portion of his address referred to them.

"All of which is respectfully submitted, with the following resolution, which is recommended for adoption:

"*Resolved*, That the privileges of our Institution are embraced in the three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, to which a single ballot in favor of a candidate fully entitles him, and the last two of which he may receive when qualified by suitable proficiency, unless by apostacy from duty after the degree last taken, he be proved unworthy.

"W. F. WALKER,
JAMES L. ANDERSON, } Committee."
E. BOGARDUS."

The report was accepted, and together with the resolution adopted.

This was good law, when the "one ballot system" prevailed, but now that three separate and distinct elections, or a ballot for each degree, is the law, the report just quoted would hardly stand as law. So much of it, however, as states that advancement should not be denied for causes which existed prior to initiation, has been greatly modified. An E. A. or F. C. may be denied advancement, and if the Lodge choose, tried and punished, for offenses committed prior to initiation or passing, but which did not come to the knowledge of the Lodge until after the conferring of the degree or degrees. The Lodges, under the ruling just given, were required to ascertain the objection existing against the candidate, and take steps accordingly. There has been, in this, a radical change. An objection now, is as sacred, and is to be kept as secret, as the ballot, and *a mason has no more right to ask the reasons for the objection than he has to ask who cast a black-ball, or for what cause it was cast.*

After the adoption of this report, the Grand Lodge resumed the election of officers:

JAMES L. ANDERSON, Rushville, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

LEVI LUSK, Rushville, R. W. Grand Secretary.

WILLIAM STUART, Chicago, R. W. Grand Orator.

Rev. CHARLES V. KELLY, Ottawa, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

JOHN GREGORY, Jacksonville, W. Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to seven o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY EVENING, Oct. 7, 1845.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. The same officers, members, and visitors were present as in the morning and afternoon.

Bro. Stuart moved to amend the by-laws by striking out Monday as the day of meeting, and inserting Wednesday.

An amendment to change the time of meeting from October to June was also introduced.

These amendments were laid over for one year.

"The M. W. Grand Master, by request of the Grand Lodge, gave a lecture on the third degree, and exemplified the same with work."

This record is such as would mislead the reader. The degree was conferred by the Grand Master at the time, Bro. Lusk, and not the Grand Master elect, as it would seem to imply. In the conferring of this degree he was assisted by Breth. Walker and Stuart.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to eight o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Oct. 8, 1845.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Officers, members, and visitors as on the day previous.

The Committee on Lodges U. D. made an additional report, recommending the granting of a charter to Morning Star Lodge, as Charleston Lodge No. 35. The reason for the change of name in this instance, was owing to the fact that Lodge No. 30 bore the name of Morning Star.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges reported the returns of Lodges Nos. 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, correct. Those of No. 29 were reported as being irregular.

The Committee on Petitions and Grievances reported favorably upon the petition of certain brethren at Quincy, asking for a dispensation for a new Lodge at Quincy, to work in the German language, which dispensation was accordingly granted.

On motion of Bro. McNeill, the Grand Master elect was constituted a committee to revise the constitution and by-laws of the Grand Lodge, and report at the next annual communication.

Bro. Lavelly offered the following:

"Resolved, That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be so amended as to strike out the following: 'No alteration shall take place in this Constitution, except in the manner following: Every amendment shall be proposed in writing, at a regular communication of the Grand Lodge, a fair copy of which shall be sent by the Grand Secretary to each of the subordinate Lodges, who shall pass or reject the same, and certify their proceedings at the next regular communication, when, if it appear that two-thirds of the subordinate Lodges have agreed to pass the same, it shall become a part of this Constitution.'"

The object of Bro. Lavelly in moving the above alteration, as stated, was to effect the repeal of the article embraced in his proposed alteration by the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge, in order thereby to throw open the constitution for such alterations as the Grand Lodge might then see fit to adopt on the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, without that farther delay which would be necessary, if the proposed alteration was not made, in order to submit each proposed amendment thereafter to the several subordinate Lodges.

The elected grand officers were then installed.

A bill of \$102.25, for jewels, was allowed and ordered paid.

Bro. Brown moved to change the time of meeting from first Monday in October to the fourth Wednesday in June, which was laid over one year.

Bro. Stewart (32) offered the following, which was adopted :

"Resolved, That no Lodge under this jurisdiction shall initiate any candidate for a less sum than \$7; nor pass to the degree of Fellow Craft, for a less sum than \$3; nor raise to the sublime degree of Master Mason, for a less sum than \$5; and that the three degrees shall in no case be conferred upon any one for a less sum than \$15: *Provided*, That any Lodge may confer the degrees without fees upon any acknowledged minister of the Gospel; and in no case shall a degree be conferred by any Lodge upon credit, but the fees must be actually paid at or before the time of admission to any degree."

An amendment to the by-laws was also introduced, providing that \$2 should be paid for each brother raised, and to strike out so much relating to proxies as required the brother receiving the proxy to be equal or superior rank to the brother granting the same, and insert the words "Master Mason."

The following amendment was offered by Bro. Lavelly :

"Resolved, That the first section of the by-laws be so amended as to read that from and after the adoption of this resolution, the Grand Lodge at each annual communication, shall fix the place of holding its annual communication."

And, as representative of Macon Lodge No. 8, he offered the following :

"Resolved, That the 11th section of the by-laws be amended by striking out Jacksonville and inserting Decatur."

Bro. Carding Jackson moved to amend Sec. 11 of the by-laws by striking out all after the word "convenient." The portion sought to be stricken out was that prohibiting Lodges from making public suspensions and expulsions.

These amendments were laid over for one year.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges was directed to investigate a report that Warsaw Lodge No. 21 had conferred the three degrees upon certain persons under indictment for crime at the time of such conferring.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, Oct. 8, 1845.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present, as in the morning.

The following appointments were made :

CHARLES H. LARRABEE, Chicago, Deputy Grand Secretary.

WILLIAM LAVELY, Springfield, Senior Grand Deacon.

NATHAN DRESSER, Petersburg, Junior Grand Deacon.

JOHN H. HOLTON, Quincy, Grand Marshal.

JOHN C. HEYL, Peoria, Grand Steward.

SAMUEL H. DAVIS, Peoria, Grand Steward.

WILLIAM IRVIN, Macomb, Grand Sword Bearer.¹

R. F. KIPPINBURG, Beardstown, Grand Pursuivant.

JOHN BARNEY, Chicago, Grand Lecturer.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges reported the returns of No. 7 correct.

The following, offered by Bro. Anderson, was adopted:

"Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge relative to fees does not apply to Lodges whose by-laws are already adopted and published, and who charge in the aggregate for the three degrees more than \$15."

The Committee on Chartered Lodges made a supplemental report, excusing the irregularities in the return of LaFayette Lodge No. 18.

Bro. W. S. Brown (33), moved to reconsider the vote of the day before to amend the by-laws, by striking out Jacksonville and inserting the city of Alton, which was carried, when it was moved that the word Peoria be inserted in the place of Alton.

Bro. Ralston (1), offered the following:

"Strike out all after 'resolved,' and insert the following, to-wit: That the first section of the by-laws be stricken out and the following inserted: That the next regular communication of this Grand Lodge shall be held at Peoria, and thereafter its communications shall be held at such place in the State as the Grand Lodge may designate."

This amendment was adopted. Yeas, 26; nays, 4.

The following was offered by Bro. Dunlap, P. G. M., (3), as supplemental, and accepted:

"Provided, That the same shall remain not more than one annual communication at the same place."

The representative of Barry Lodge was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Grand Master offered the following, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, its certificates are to be regarded, not as evidence of their bearers being Masons, but simply, if by other means they shall give satisfaction of their being such, as evidence collateral of their being in good standing, which evidence may be required or waived at the pleasure of any Mason, or body of Masons to whom they may be preferred; and that all former resolutions and regulations of this Grand Lodge, which are inconsistent herewith, be and are hereby repealed."

Bro. Watson (1), offered the following resolution, which was laid over until the next annual communication:

"Resolved, That the two following sections be added to the by-laws of this Grand Lodge:

"I. Each subordinate Lodge shall report to the Grand Lodge, at each annual communication, all Master Masons that may be under its jurisdiction, and are not members of any Lodge, and shall pay dues for the same.

"II. Each subordinate Lodge shall collect of all Master Masons that may be under its jurisdiction, and are not members of any Lodge, the dues its by-laws require of its members, and shall, at its discretion, suspend from Masonic privileges, all such as neglect or refuse to pay the same: *Provided,* That where two or more Lodges exist in the same city or county, the oldest Lodge shall have jurisdiction.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts reported as follows :

"The Committee on Finances and Accounts beg leave to report: That they have examined the accounts of Bro. A. C. Dickson, Grand Secretary *pro tem.*, and those of the Grand Treasurer, and believe them to be correct."

"It appears that there was in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, at the last annual communication, the sum of \$207.58; that he has since that time received of the Grand Secretary the sum of \$282.35; and paid out the sum of \$127.67; leaving in his hands a balance of \$362.26 of the funds of the Grand Lodge. The committee further state, that owing to the absence of the Grand Secretary, they have been unable to obtain access to his books and accounts, and that they can not therefore report thereon, nor ascertain the total amount of funds belonging to the Grand Lodge now hand.

"In examining the papers of the Grand Treasurer, several questions have occurred in relation to the acts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, which the committee have considered of sufficient importance to bring to the notice of the Grand Lodge.

"It appears that a resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge, at its annual communication in 1843, requiring the Grand Secretary to procure one hundred and fifty certificates printed on parchment, and to furnish each subordinate Lodge such a number as it might order; and that such Lodge be required to pay the Grand Secretary fifty cents each for said certificates. The committee do not conceive that this resolution confers on the Grand Secretary any authority to use the funds of the Grand Lodge; they believe, from all the information they can obtain, that it was the understanding of the Grand Lodge, at the time the resolution was adopted, that the fifty cents required to be paid by the subordinate Lodges for each certificate, would constitute a fund sufficient to pay the expense of obtaining the blank certificates, and compensate the Grand Secretary for his trouble. Yet in one of the bills approved by the Grand Secretary, and paid by the Grand Treasurer, is an item of \$3.00 for printing certificates. This the committee believe to be wrong, and the Grand Secretary ought, they think, to be required to refund the \$3.00 to the Grand Treasurer, from the proceeds of the certificates distributed among the subordinate Lodges.

"Another question that occurred to the committee, was in relation to the authority of the Grand Treasurer to pay money out of the Treasury. The general rule in subordinate Lodges is, that the Treasurer pay out no money except by order of the W. Master with the consent of the Lodge. This rule the committee suppose is, or ought to be, observed in the Grand Lodge; if any other obtains, the committee are not aware of it. Yet they find that certain bills have been presented and paid by the Grand Treasurer, for which they find no order of the Grand Master, nor any action of the Grand Lodge in the record of its proceedings. The committee do not intend by this remark to question the integrity of the Grand Treasurer, or to blame him for his acts. The bills alluded to were, as they believe, for labor, or goods had by the Grand Lodge, and which ought to be paid. Yet they believe that the practice heretofore has been too loose, that the Grand Treasurer ought to be able to show in every case some order of the Grand Master, or some action of the Grand Lodge, as his authority for paying out money. The committee would recommend that the Grand Lodge, before the close of each communication, make appropriations for the payment of all sums due from said Lodge, and require the Grand Treasurer to pay out no money except upon the written order of the Grand Master, or the approval of the

Grand Lodge, signified by the Grand Secretary's endorsement upon each account or bill presented to him for payment.

"The committee also discover from an examination of the Grand Treasurer's account, that the Grand Charity Fund has not been kept distinct from the other funds of the Grand Lodge. This they believe to be incorrect; and the committee would recommend that the Grand Treasurer be required to keep the Grand Charity Fund account distinct from the other accounts of the Grand Lodge, and that he report annually the receipts and disbursements of each fund by itself.

"At the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, a resolution was adopted requiring the Committee on Finances and Accounts, in connection with the Grand Secretary, to make a general report of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge since its formation, stating the amounts received for dispensations, charters, and dues, separately and distinctly, and from whom received; also the amount expended, and for what purpose. It appears from the report of that committee, that the resolution was not acted upon; why, no reasons are given by that committee. The present Committee on Finances and Accounts believe that there is a general desire among the members of the Grand Lodge that the information sought to be obtained by that resolution should yet be obtained and laid before the Grand Lodge. Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be required to make, conjointly, a general report to the Grand Lodge, at its next annual communication, of all the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge since its formation, stating the amounts received for dispensations, charters, dues, and contributions to the Grand Charity Fund, separately and distinctly, and from whom received; also, the amount expended, for what purpose, and to whom paid."

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"NATHAN DRESSER,
NELSON D. MORSE, } *Committee.*
WILLIAM STUART.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned to 8 o'clock Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, Oct. 9, 1845.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present, as on the preceding day.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported as follows:

"*To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Illinois:*

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave respectfully to report: That since the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge, documents have been received from the Grand Lodges of Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Maryland, Mississippi, Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Texas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Michigan; together with a beautiful copy of eloquent Masonic addresses, by P. G. M. Joseph R. Chandler, from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for which especial thanks are due.

"It is regretted by your committee, that the proceedings of other Grand Lodges have not been received; those of the Grand Lodge of New York may be particularly mentioned, whose absence from our files has occasioned, on many distinct accounts, especial regret. It has come to be regarded as well nigh the right of each Grand Lodge, to be put in possession of the doings of

sister Grand Lodges, as it confessedly is of subordinate Lodges to be furnished with the proceedings of the particular Grand Lodge under whose authority they severally convene. In no other way, indeed, than by such an interchange of proceedings, can the manifold evils consequent upon the isolation and relative independence, in which our several Grand Lodges at present are, be in any tolerable degree mitigated or overcome. Until provision be made for uniting all under one general head, whose office it shall be to inform, direct, and quicken the various members, it is hoped that a freer interchange of communication will be made between the several Grand Lodges.

"In the various documents referred to your committee, are presented matters of greatest interest and importance to the whole Fraternity. All give evidence that increased attention is everywhere paid to the Masonic Institution; that its principles are rapidly becoming more widely diffused; its landmarks more thoroughly studied and understood; its spirit more sedulously cultivated, and more consistently exemplified; whilst, on all sides, its borders are extending, by the admission of approved candidates within its fold. The dark cloud of oppression and persecution has rolled away from above it, and revealed a brighter and more cheering light than any in which, for long years, the Institution has been permitted to rejoice. Its beautiful morality is now everywhere earnestly sought to be developed; and it shines forth conspicuously, on all sides, comparatively unobscured by abuses, in such works of faith and labors of love as can not fail to silence gainsayers, by the practicable and incontrovertible proof thus exhibited, that the foundation of our ancient Masonic Institution, is "upon the holy hills,"—that it is on truth and goodness. Very excellent things, therefore, must be spoken of her.

"Upon the true standard of Masonic morality, the Holy Scriptures—the great light in Masonry—such expression has been made by many Grand Lodges, as to show to those who are within, and convince those who are without, that it is not the lower nature of man alone that the Masonic Institution legitimately regards; but that she takes cognizance, also, of the immortal part, by imposing, not in name only, but in deed, and in truth, that blessed book, as the divinely authentic rule and guide of a Mason's faith.

"Through the Grand Lodge of Indiana, we have been furnished the testimony of the Grand Lodge of Ohio on this subject, which your committee deem too eloquent, just and beautiful, not to be here presented. The want of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, furnishing this testimony directly, is sincerely deplored as a loss. It is hoped we shall not be thought presuming, if we adduce it from the source to which acknowledgement is made. It proceeds thus, in the address of the Grand Master, M. W. Wm. B. Thrall:

"I deem it not inappropriate, in this connection, to bring to the notice of the Grand Lodge, a question of authority and discipline, mooted in a subordinate Lodge, and on which the opinion of the Grand Master, as the representative of this body during its interval of recess, was solicited. It was asked by a respectable Lodge, whether "the denying the divine authenticity of the Holy Bible be an offence against the Institution of Masonry; and if so, what are the prerogatives of the Lodge, in such cases?" While it is true that Masonry is not sectarian in its character, and that the established rules and regulations of our Grand Lodge positively inhibit all religious tests, as a prerequisite to initiation, save only the acknowledgment of "a steadfast belief in the existence and perfections of Deity," it is equally true that, were it possible to wrest from the "first great

light" in Masonry its attribute of divine authenticity, the very act would overwhelm the Order with a visible and tangible *darkness*, equalled only by that which existed ere "the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." It is impossible to despoil our great moral and Masonic Trestle-Board of its distinctive characteristic, without, at the same time, rifling the work of our Lodges, our charges and our lectures, of every conservative and life-giving principle. If the Bible be not indeed an emanation from Deity, then is Freemasonry an empty cheat, and those who minister at her altars accessories to fraud and vile delusion. True, we have, among us, no Lodges exclusively Christian; for the reason that Masonry dates anterior to the Christian era; and because her charity is sufficiently expansive to embrace within its ample folds, in fraternal unison, the good and true of whatever name or nation. While, therefore, all Christian Masons dedicate their Lodges to those two eminent and sainted Christian patrons, who are always represented in every regular and well directed Lodge by most attractive and peculiar hieroglyphics, our Jewish brethren may, at the same time, without let or hindrance, and without the most remote cause of offence to any, still commemorate in *their* Lodges, him whose name is the synonym of wisdom, and whose virtues are embalmed alike in the hearts of all good Masons, whether Christians or the lineal descendants of the twelve tribes of Israel. But, surely, it could not have been the purpose of those great and good men of old, in laying thus broad the foundations of our Order, to provide in it a covert for the deriding infidel, or an asylum for the dissembling hypocrite. And if by any means, such have found their way into our midst, it is the first duty of the Lodge so invaded, "by well doing to put to silence the ignorance of foolish men;" and to teach them that, though free, they may not "use their liberty for a cloak of licentiousness." And if, thus admonished, they refuse to be restrained, let them be regarded as "walking disorderly, and not after the tradition they have received of us. And, if any man obey not our word, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed."

"Through a committee to whom was referred this portion of the M. W. Grand Master's address, the Grand Lodge thus sustained the position therein assumed :

"After looking at the foundations on which all our work is constructed, and contemplating the teachings of Masonry in her Lectures, Charges, &c., your committee can come to but one conclusion on the subject, viz.: that the Holy Bible is the great standard of truth and duty in Masonry, and, consequently, that a humble and sincere acknowledgment of its divine origin is indispensable, in the very nature of the case, on the part of all who come to seek or dispense light among us.

"It is one of the oldest requisitions of the Fraternity that no regular and well governed Lodge can be without its Bible. The Bible is held up to the candidate on his initiation as the first great light in Masonry. He is told that it is the inestimable gift of God to Man. His onward pathway, in its entire extent, is lighted up by its blessed precepts. The faith, the hope, the charity, in which he is admonished to abound, is the faith, the hope, the charity of the Bible. The star which shines from the center of one of the three *ornaments* of the Lodge, is the star which appeared to guide the wise men in the East to the place of the Saviour's nativity. The two eminent patrons of the Order, to whom Christian Masons dedicate their Lodges, are the Sts. John of the Bible, the precepts of which, they present as a wall of defence round about every brother, within which he may walk securely and never materially err. No station in the Lodge is too

high for the reach of the duties which the Bible enjoins. The Worshipful Master must humbly bow to its authority. On him, as he is about to enter upon his arduous labors, is laid the obligation, weighty above all others, of a *diligent observance of the Holy Scriptures*, which, he is instructed, is to be a rule and a guide to his faith. And, when sorrowing brethren gather around the final resting place of the departed, they mourn not as those who are without hope; the sprig of acacia tells of an ever verdant and bright land beyond the grave. The Lion of the tribe of Judah has vanquished the foe, and hope and consolation are imparted by the thoughts of that life and immortality which the Bible, and the Bible only, has brought to light.

"These are but few of the many evidences that might be presented to show how essential is the Bible to the existence of Masonry. What then is Masonry without the Bible—the Bible acknowledged in the truth of its divine inspiration? It is the casket without the jewel. It is the body without the soul. It is the world without the sun; and what might be its value despoiled of this, its richest treasure and brightest ornament, would not be worth the trouble of a conjecture.

"Your committee, in their search for grounds on which to sustain an opposite opinion, have found nothing meriting that name, unless it be a single Regulation; the language of which is, "that no religious test shall be required of any applicant for the benefits of Masonry, other than a steadfast belief in the existence and perfections of Deity." In regard to this provision, it is respectfully submitted, whether a proper belief in the existence and perfections of Deity does not of necessity imply a belief in the divine authenticity of the Bible, since from that book we derive the only intelligent and satisfactory knowledge of Deity; and whether, therefore, said clause was not predicated upon this hypothesis."

"This," say our brethren of Indiana, "ought to settle all controversy, if ever any existed among Masons on this subject." Your committee are of the same opinion; and would be happy to have this Grand Lodge, by formal action, place herself unequivocally upon this high, but truly Masonic ground.

"In view of such principles, it can excite no surprise that the Grand Lodge of Indiana expressed its entire disapprobation of the course of the Grand Lodge of Texas, in working in Lodge on the Sabbath day, and that your committee concur in such disapprobation, and would extend the same to a similar practice prevailing among the Lodges in New Orleans.

"The subject of the pre-requisite physical and mental qualifications of candidates for initiation has been widely discussed within the past year.

"The views of the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, R. W. Harvey W. Walter, upon this subject, are so in harmony with those entertained by your committee, that leave is begged to present them at length. The following question elicited the expression intended to be submitted:

"Would the loss of either of the three senses, feeling, seeing, or hearing, bar a candidate from the degrees, or would the loss of sight prevent his initiation?"

"I think, brethren," is the reply, "this question may be stripped of all difficulties, by reference to the character of our work as Masons. Originally, it was strictly operative, and more attention was paid to the physical than mental condition of the candidate. In reference to this point, the old constitutions provide, that, "every candidate for the mysteries of Masonry shall be upright in body, not deformed or dismembered at the time of making, but of hale and entire limbs."

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky has adopted a rule more congenial to the *present* spirit of Masonry, where it declares, that, "if the deformity of a candidate for initiation is not such as to prevent him from being *instructed* in the arts and mysteries of Freemasonry, his admission will not be an infringement upon the landmarks, but will be perfectly consistent with the *spirit* of our Institution." Such, I conceive, will also be the opinion of every intelligent Mason, who reflects upon the great change which has taken place in the character of our work within the last two centuries. Physical labor has been superseded by mental action; and the man who retains these external senses, and is possessed of a good mental capacity, but of a weak and emaciated or even maimed body, would now be considered an eligible candidate, whereas he would formerly have been rejected,—in other words, Masonry now requires of its votaries more of mind, and less of flesh and form, than it originally did. I think, brethren, that we may safely conclude that, *a loss or partial deprivation of those physical organs which minister ALONE to the action of the BODY, do not disqualify,—but that the loss of those upon which the MIND depends for its ideas of external objects, certainly would.* We have then only to determine to which of these classes the eye, the ear, and the nerves belong, to settle this difficulty. I can not conceive how the mind could be very sanitive, deprived of all these, or how it could attain perfection with the loss of either of the first two. They are all its obedient slaves, and minister to it all the information upon which it depends for vigorous or healthy action. They are called, by way of eminence, the three *Masonic* senses, for reasons that will readily suggest themselves to the mind of every brother familiar with our work. Indeed, brethren, I can not conceive how a person deprived of them, or either of them, would efficiently discharge the duties, or perform the labor required at his hands. Intricate and embarrassing as the subject confessedly is, I have no doubt but that calm and serious reflection will enable you to adjudicate it correctly.'

"The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin had embodied nearly the same views, and quite the same principles, in her constitution, some time previous. 'By the ancient regulations,' says the article, 'the physical deformity of an individual operates as a bar to his admission into the Fraternity; but in view of the fact that this regulation was adopted for the government of the Craft at a period when they united the character of *operative* with that of *speculative* Masons, this Grand Lodge, in common, it is believed, with most of her sister Grand Lodges in this country and in Europe, has authorized such a construction of the regulation as that, where the deformity does not amount to an inability honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, it constitutes no hindrance to initiation.'

"Your committee learn from the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, that the Grand Lodge of Alabama has adopted as a resolution, 'That being maimed, as by the loss of a leg or an arm, does not disqualify a man from receiving the degrees in Masonry, when there is no other objection except that of being maimed.' Upon which the committee remarks:

"This has been, and still is, a matter of controversy among the Fraternity, and is one which the Grand Lodges should decide, so that uniformity of practice may prevail among the Lodges. This question affords arguments worthy of consideration for and against justifying the difference of opinion prevailing among the Fraternity, and from this division your committee are not exempt. In opposition to this resolution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, we have an ancient regulation couched in language positive and unequivocal. In answer to this objection, or as a reason why it should not be rigidly observed, it is, and

may with force be urged, that a subsequent part of the same regulation, couched in language equally clear and unequivocal, is not observed, nor has its observance been advocated within our knowledge—that is, to keep an apprentice seven years. Many more reasons might be urged against this law, did the nature of this report admit of such discussion. Your committee will merely give the general declaration, that the philanthropic principles inculcated by the Institution are at variance, and seem to forbid the rigid observance of this rule. They are not unanimous in the opinion that the language of the Alabama resolution is fully admissible; although Masonry has assumed the speculative character, they are not certain that the operative should be entirely discarded.'

"Your committee will take leave of this subject by repeating that their views are in coincidence with those which have been thus adduced, and notifying that they intend to submit a resolution embracing the same, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, and ask for its adoption by this Grand Lodge.

"The qualifications of citizenship on the part of applicants in the place in which their application for admission into the Institution is made, is another topic which has lately undergone a most free and thorough discussion. A singular disregard of rights of jurisdiction, which, from the very nature of things, must be considered as well nigh inherent in each particular Grand Lodge, which are recognized in the superior Masonic bodies, and which analogy, derived from civil usage, should be regarded as determining past controversy, has prevailed in certain quarters, and given rise to such complaints as have elicited a very general expression on this subject. Among the Grand Lodges which have been forward in such expression, and whose decisions are believed to be eminently Masonic and just, those of New Hampshire, Maryland, Arkansas and Indiana, have been noticed with peculiar pleasure.

"The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, M. W. Charles Gilman, brought the subject to the notice of his Grand Lodge as follows:

"A practice has obtained among many Lodges in different parts of the country of admitting temporary residents to the Order, and that, too, without inquiring into the character of the applicants, further than it may happen to be known at the place of such temporary residence. And it is believed that some of our own Lodges have been indiscreet in this same particular. The practice is exceedingly reprehensible, and ought to be discontinued. In the first place, if the applicant be worthy of the distinction, that fact can be no where so well known as at the place of his permanent abode; and in the next place, the brethren at the place where the new made Mason is to enjoy this special privilege, should certainly be consulted whether they are willing to accept him as an associate, whilst they are also entitled to the emoluments arising from the conferring of the degrees. For the sake of that universal harmony which we all profess to seek, and to set an example to our brethren abroad, I would earnestly recommend that you pass an order forbidding the practice in all the Lodges under this jurisdiction; and at the same time, that you invite the co-operation of our sister Grand Lodges in the measure.'

"This just and earnest recommendation was so heeded as to call forth a re-enforcement of the same views by the Committee on Correspondence.

"'Harmony,' reported that committee, 'is essential to the well being and perpetuity of our Institution, and it can not be but that complaints, when well founded, will destroy this essential constituent of Masonry. Every Masonic act should tend to strengthen the bands of brotherly love, and have this for its primary object. Should the practices above named be countenanced or passed

over without notice, they will be continued—ill feeling will be engendered, instead of brotherly love: discord, jealousy, and distrust will take the place of peace and unity; harmony will be unknown among us for lack of wisdom; strength and beauty will leave our walls to be replaced by chaos. It becomes us to practice the precepts taught us by the square, level, and plumb; to guard in all kindness, yet firmly, our own rights, and at the same time the rights of our brethren—we should not invade their territory, nor they ours. The several Grand Lodges, as the conservators of the rights and privileges of their subordinate Lodges, should act energetically and decidedly in this matter.'

"The Grand Lodge confirmed the views of the Grand Master and of its committee by correspondent action.

"Upon the same subject, the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas submitted as follows:

"'In regard to Grand Lodge jurisdiction, your committee regret to see so many instances of its violation, with a high degree of disrespect. Of the many instances, your committee will refer to only one. A citizen of this State, residing in the vicinity of Little Rock, petitioned "Western Star Lodge" for initiation, and was rejected. Soon after he made a visit to North Alabama, and in a few weeks returned, having received the three degrees in a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of that State. Under ordinary circumstances this violation would not perhaps have been noticed; but the individual alluded to having since been excluded from the benefits of our Order, admonishes your committee of the necessity of suggesting some mode of arrangement by which the Craft may be protected from the admission of unworthy members—and who are more capable of judging of the worth and character of applicants than the brethren residing in the vicinity of the applicant, who are his neighbors and acquaintances?'

"The ground thus assumed by our brethren of Maryland and Arkansas is Masonic, to say the least. They rest the claim for respect for the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge, in the regard under consideration, by sister Grand Lodges and their subordinates, upon its necessity to the preservation of that 'harmony' which is at once the 'beauty and strength' of our 'Ancient Masonic Institution;' and it were fair to presume that such a plea will avail to secure the end desired. Still, your committee would proceed somewhat further, deeming that they may, perhaps, in some degree, contribute to a cause of real magnitude and importance.

"To your committee it seems clear that, under our circumstances, the very notion of Grand Lodge jurisdiction, in any sense, carries with it that of a specific territory within which such jurisdiction may be exercised. What, indeed, signifies the title by which this or that particular Grand Lodge is designated? What is denoted by 'The Grand Lodge of Maryland,' 'The Grand Lodge of New York,' 'The Grand Lodge of Ohio,' 'The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.' What, but that each is a Grand Lodge for the State whose name distinguishes it? Is not this idea inherent in every such organization? It is submitted, whether, when a Grand Lodge is organized, it be not emphatically and expressly to take cognizance of the interests of Freemasonry in a given district—to exercise jurisdiction in the State or Territory in which it is formed, and whose name it assumes. If this be not so, then is each Grand Lodge an organization having a name simply to denote its locality, with powers at large, and the free right to exercise its functions in every Territory, State, county, city, town, or village

throughout the land, without let or hindrance from opposing principle, and candidates in any community are, by consequence, free to choose the superior body, under whose cognizance they will severally come. Each particular community might thus have established, and in exercise, within it, several concurrent Masonic governments, as many as there are or may be Grand Lodges in the Union, or in the world. And what, in this case, would be the limit for the formation of Grand Lodges? If a Grand Lodge, when formed, be not for a specific State or Territory, what shall prevent the formation of an indefinite number of Grand Lodges; as many as fancy or caprice may suggest? And thus we should be thrown back upon the early principle of the independence of each particular Lodge, derived through the inherent rights vested in the Fraternity at large, to meet, act, and work, as to them should seem good and proper within the limits of the 'Ancient Charges*.'

"This, then is the ultimate ground to be rechosen; or we must stand firmly by the principle of confederation, for which it has been long abandoned. There is, there can be, no middle way; either the principle of confederation, which we have professedly chosen, must be rigidly adhered to, or we must go back upon the ancient ground, long since practically yielded. This, it is believed, is nowhere meditated; and if it were, would be found impracticable. By the principle we have professed to adopt, must we therefore be governed; by this principle interpreted in its application, by the very notion of a Grand Lodge, by the name it bears, by practical results, by ecclesiastical, civil, and all sorts of usage, and by common sense—by this principle, in the length of it, and in the breadth of it, do your committee recommend that this Grand Lodge take her stand, and insist that her territorial jurisdiction is co-extensive with the civil jurisdiction of the State of Illinois; beyond which, in any State or Territory in which there may be a Grand Lodge established, she will not exercise her powers or privileges; within which, she will not patiently endure that another Grand Lodge shall establish, exercise, and maintain jurisdiction.

"In this, there would be a concurrence with our brethren of Indiana, who 'think it most consonant with the principles of our Order that applications for membership should be made to the Lodge nearest to the residence of the applicant, and, so far as the Lodges of different States are concerned, in this question, that the State line should be the boundary of their jurisdiction;' and, with those of Ohio, in addition to the Grand Lodges before noticed, as we learn through the Grand Lodge of Maryland: 'A gentleman residing in the city of Cincinnati became a petitioner to Lafayette Lodge, of that city, for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry; before the constitutional time for action on his petition had arrived, he visited New York city, and was there initiated, passed and raised to the 8. degree of Master Mason. On his return home, he attempted to visit Lafayette Lodge as a M. M., and was refused admittance on the ground that he did not receive his degrees legally. The subject was submitted to the Grand Lodge, who, while they justly censure this invasion of their jurisdiction, decide that *persons residing under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, who wilfully and knowingly obtain the degrees of Masonry in a foreign jurisdiction, shall not be regarded as Masons*: if, however, they pursue this course ignorantly, and the person is worthy, he shall be "recognized as a brother."

"The brethren of Maryland, in support of this decision, rise to the high ground assumed by your committee, and say: 'If from selfish motives, from distrust

*An example of this kind is the Lodge of Antiquity, in London.

of his acceptance, or other cause, originating with and existing in himself, an individual, wilfully and knowingly, travel into foreign jurisdiction and takes the Masonic degrees, they believe that "clandestine" is stamped in legible characters on the transaction; and that he has not regularly received the degrees, and, therefore, is not entitled to recognition.' And as to 'the Lodge conferring the degrees,' say they, it 'does, or should know the law, any violation of which is *irregular* and a nullity.' If this proceeding is regular, why may not the Lodge cross the State line, as did Whiteside Lodge, and there make him a Mason? The Lodge would, it is presumed, be considered clandestine, as also its acts.

"If this opinion, and the general views presented by your committee, be correct, how stands it between us and the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin? The facts have come to the knowledge of your committee, that that Grand Lodge has assented to a proposal to take 'Far West Lodge,' of Galena, in this State, under her jurisdiction—that Lodge having been under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, as were other of the Lodges in this State, until the formation of this Grand Lodge—and that the M. W. Grand Master of that Grand Lodge has granted a dispensation to certain Masons residing in Elizabeth, in this State, to form and open a Lodge at that place. It is submitted, whether the latter be not an infraction of the rights of a sister Grand Lodge without a parallel in the history of Freemasonry in this country; and too great to be borne without an exceeding trial of the bonds of our covenant,—a trial which, if persisted in, will be likely to weaken the ties by which we are now held in one, if not to make an utter schism between us. It is believed, that by nothing in the recorded annals of our Institution can that step be justified; by nothing in its domestic or private teachings can this Grand Lodge be bound to tolerate an abuse so fraught with mischief to the entire family of Freemasons.

"The Freemason's logic, it is thought by your committee, should have led the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin to say to 'Far west Lodge,' 'There is a Grand Lodge in Illinois; you are within its jurisdiction; go to that body and own and fulfill your allegiance.' All special pleadings it should have caused to have been met by a declaration of the rights of this Grand Lodge, and of the necessity of their observance to the preservation of that harmony and comity which should distinguish two bodies so peculiarly allied. But the answer really made to the application was as follows:

"*Resolved*, That a charter be issued to the "Far West Lodge," of Galena, under and by the name of the "Galena Lodge," as prayed for. That the said charter be issued with its date and number blank, and kept by the Grand Secretary of this Lodge, until the said "Far West Lodge" shall place in the hands of the Grand Secretary the proper legal evidence of its demission from the Grand Lodge of Missouri: when he shall date, number, and deliver said charter to said Lodge, from and after which time, if accepted by the "Galena Lodge," it shall be taken and remain under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

"*Resolved*, That no other fee shall be demanded for said charter than the regular fees of the Grand Secretary."

"Your committee recommend that this Grand Lodge enter its protest to these banns, and ask at the hands of our brethren in Wisconsin that, in this particular, they will do as they would be done by. It is believed that such remonstrance would be heard, and such request granted. The intelligence, the well known Masonic character and standing of our brethren in Wisconsin, are a sufficient guarantee for this. The magnitude of his departure from right principle and right practice could not have been realized by the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin when he granted the dispensation to

Elizabeth; nor that of his Grand Lodge, when Galena was bidden a cordial welcome within her jurisdiction.

"Blame is not, therefore, cast as though the faults were intentional. In the one case, and in the other, your committee alike see a zeal for the Institution prompting the excesses complained of. Still, the errors are no less, and no less imperiously call for correction. If in this we be not heard, shall the Lodge at Elizabeth be considered as *clandestine*? Shall "Far West Lodge," at Galena, be considered the same? And then, how shall the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin be considered, through which it has come to pass that this Grand Lodge is refused to be owned and submitted to at those two points within her jurisdiction? Must the end be schism, and a cessation of communion?

"In view of what has been thus presented on this subject, your committee would express the ardent hope, that this Grand Lodge will abide within the 'landmarks,' which 'our fathers,' in the State, have set; and require the qualification of citizenship, on the part of all who are admitted into the Institution within her jurisdiction, and refuse Masonic intercourse to every citizen of this State, who shall be made a Mason in contravention to these principles.

"In regard to the work of Lodges, great interest is every where felt and expressed, and efforts are making universally to secure propriety, uniformity, and harmony therein. Various are the modes proposed to accomplish these most desirable ends. Prominent among them, is that of a system of triennial conventions of representatives from the several Grand Lodges in the Union, to be holden at some accessible point, under certain rules and restrictions which have been already submitted.

"To this plan your committee entertain a decided aversion. They have too distinctly in remembrance the convention at Baltimore, with all its bitter fruits,—the jealousies, the disputings, the rancors, and the schisms which have been its consequent,—to hope for anything better from a repetition of the same means. Not that your committee fail to recognize much good that has accrued to a large portion of the Craft through the instrumentality of the convention to which reference is now made. It is thankfully admitted, that, directly and indirectly, it has wrought for us much that was desirable; more, it is believed, indirectly than otherwise; and, on the principle that the wrath of man is often turned to the help and praise of that which is good. It must be conceded, that on the whole, it has been quite effective in directing the attention of the Fraternity generally to the subjects of propriety, uniformity and harmony in the work; and in prompting desire and effort with regard to these important ends. But that anything has been determinately settled by it, or discrepancies in any considerable degree diminished, cannot be justly claimed; for a fair observation has given abundant evidence that the sum total of discrepancies and disagreements in work, on all sides, is as great as has ever existed among us. That they are the same is not asserted; but as numerous. They now exist under greatly improved circumstances; for the desire and effort which have been elicited to secure uniformity and harmony give promise of happy results eventually. In the conflict for these ends at present, appeal to the decisions at Baltimore is well nigh useless: for, first, where those decisions can be ascertained, they are regarded as wanting in authority; and, second, because of the confessed difficulty of ascertaining what was agreed upon at Baltimore. Owing to the varied assertions of those who have been looked to as reporters of the doings of that convention, and the disagreements among them, little satisfaction can be obtained

regarding them; and so, of necessity, private judgment must finally determine every question at issue. And thus, it is believed by your committee, will it ever be with regard to any and every such plan for attaining the ends sought to be answered by means of conventions. Moreover, the conventional system, of necessity, almost, permits the several Grand Lodges to be so independent of it and of one another as to leave them open to all the evils of jealousy; and especially to the curse of a striving on the part of one or more for the mastery in all things, that by some means pre-eminence may be obtained. It can not have escaped the observation of the most casual observer, that wealth, with associations as with individuals, is regarded as power; and, in the one case as in the other, tends to beget haughtiness and love of domination. Where these shall have become combined in a Grand Lodge, it will speedily put itself forward as chief or head, claim to be the exponent of principles, the center of unity, the organ of correspondence, and the body in whose adjudications there should be universal acquiescence. It will expect its *dictum* to be obeyed, and its supercilious bearing to overawe and overmaster. The tone already observed in certain quarters warns your committee, and causes them to desire a speedy exchange of isolation and independence for a confederacy under one general Masonic government.

"Your committee desire not to conceal, that the workings of the General Grand Masonic bodies already in existence in the United States, have come before them in this connection, and delighted them with the agreeable contrast which they have presented to all that is here set forth.

"To your committee, therefore, it appears, that the organization of some similar tribunal, with carefully guarded powers—having authority to decide upon and provide for the means of instruction in the mystic work and ceremonies of Masonry—is probably the best, if not the only, means now remaining to us, whereby the necessary and indispensable uniformity among us can be maintained and perpetuated; whereby our mystic rites and universal language may be freed from hurtful interpretations, and be continued to us, and ours, pure and uncontaminated. To your committee, it is obvious, that unless a supreme authority shall be established, to whose decision questions respecting our mysteries and traditions, our constitutions and our principles, may be referred, and whose final judgment shall be obligatory upon all, the greatest and most ruinous disparity must continue to prevail. One form will be adopted and taught here—another, and different one, there; each refusing to yield to either of those differing from him—each claiming to "possess the *true light*," will set forth, and contend for his long cherished *system*; and thus, at no distant period, we shall hear of, not only "York and English—French and Scotch rites," but of New England Masonry, Missouri Masonry, and Pennsylvania Masonry; of Kentucky, Ohio, and Virginia "rites"—thus rendering that which should be now, and which might be continued to us and our descendants, for all time to come, *one* in form and precisely similar in expression, as *variant* in both as are the features of those that constitute the several Grand Lodges. It is time that we should surrender our claim to absolute infallibility, and constitute one supreme power, with adequate authority to decide for all. This, doubtless, constituted a principle reason for the organization of the two Grand Lodges of England, and was afterwards the cause of merging those into one Grand Lodge."

"In short, the opinion is, that this Grand Lodge should not contribute towards the proposed system of triennial conventions, but follow out to a consistent re-

sult the able argument of our brethren of Missouri, quoted above at such length, by doing what it may to secure the formation of a General Grand Lodge, on principles similar to those on which the General Grand Chapter and the General Grand Encampment of the United States are based, to exercise powers and to perform offices relative to Ancient Craft Masonry, corresponding with those exercised and performed by those General Grand Bodies with regard to their respective subordinate bodies. This General Grand Lodge would be the organ of foreign correspondence, the body to be represented and to receive representatives, to correct abuses and irregularities, to hear and determine appeals, and to provide for the supply of all the wants of the several departments of the Institution. It 'appears, therefore, to be imperiously demanded, not merely for the *welfare* of the Craft, but for the preservation of our very existence, as a Fraternity.' It is a measure fraught with no horror, in the minds of your committee; would be submitted to most cheerfully, and its good, it is believed, would largely overbalance all the evil that can be anticipated to result from it.

"The M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland has been before us in the expression of similar views; and so clearly and ably that your committee cannot forbear to quote him:

"Much has been said within the last few years upon the subject of establishing a General Grand Lodge for the United States. And although it is well known that there are those who think such a measure unnecessary and inexpedient, yet it is equally well known that many distinguished Masons, in different parts of the country, favor the scheme, and would be glad to see it perfected. From indications, scarcely to be mistaken, it is doubtful whether the contemplated meeting of a convention of Grand Lodges at Winchester, in May next, will ever be held. Yet it seems desirable that there should be a body, with limited jurisdiction, deriving its existence from the several Grand Lodges, which, meeting periodically, might satisfactorily determine matters of general policy, and prevent innovation upon the ancient usages of the Order. This body, having original jurisdiction over all such territory as is now occupied by Grand Lodges, would grant dispensations and charters for new Lodges, and thereby prevent all collision amongst Lodges, otherwise, perhaps, deriving their existence from different Grand Lodges. I would suggest for your consideration, whether it would not be judicious to take some action on this subject; and, if your wisdom shall advise the measure, that you appoint a time and place for the meeting of delegates, to be by you appointed: *providing*, a majority of the Grand Lodges of the different States shall concur in the measure, and appoint delegates. In this way the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States was formed in 1798, which, since that time, has held its regular meetings, and from which much good to the Order has been derived. And I have yet to learn that any grand or subordinate chapter under its jurisdiction has had cause to complain of injury, or of usurpation of power not delegated to it in the outset. The next triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Encampment for the United States will be held in the city of Columbus, in the State of Ohio, on the second Tuesday in September, 1847; at which time, should the proposed measure meet your approbation, and that of other Grand Lodges, a convention might be held, with but little inconvenience, to form a constitution to be submitted to the several Grand Lodges for their consideration.'

"The Grand Lodge supported these views of the M. W. Grand Master by the adoption of a resolution, which your committee intend to submit for your adoption.

"Several other Grand Lodges entertain similar views.

"From what has been thus submitted, it will at once be seen that the plan of sending a delegate abroad 'for the purpose of examining the mode and manner of Masonic work in foreign countries, and to publish a treatise on his return, for the benefit of the Fraternity, to harmonize and furnish some plan of union, whereby the work in this and other countries may be the same,' as has been proposed by Mississippi, and approved by some other Grand Lodges, is not concurred in, under present circumstances; though admitted to be a measure which a General Grand Lodge might adopt with great propriety and usefulness if it should so please.

"Your committee have had great happiness in observing that thoroughness in work appears now to be sought for among the Lodges, equally with uniformity and harmony. A disposition is beginning to be manifested everywhere, rather to make good and thorough, than to make many Masons; it is now realized that the strength of the Institution is rather in the quality than the quantity of its members. The practice of hurrying candidates into the Institution after they have petitioned, and, when initiated, of carrying them on from one degree to another, irrespective of proficiency in the degree or degrees taken, is undergoing correction in almost every quarter. It is some happiness to know that this comparatively youthful Grand Lodge has been forward in remonstrances against such haste. In 1841—the second year of her existence—the instructed, that 'petitions of candidates should not be acted on, unless the same had lain over at least one month;' and in 1843, pronounced it to be one of the greatest irregularities of which there was reason to complain in certain quarters, that there was 'a disposition to push candidates on through the Second and Third Degrees, before they could possibly be skilled in the First or Second,' and declared, that 'the ancient landmarks of the Order require, that the Lodge should know that the candidate is well skilled in one degree, before he is advanced to another;' and in 1844, gave force to her expressions in these regards, by exemplary discipline in the memorable cases at Nauvoo. Several Grand Lodges have adopted the same or similar rules. That of New Hampshire has enacted, that 'no candidate for initiation, can be proposed, balloted for, or made a Mason, at a special Lodge, nor at any time, unless his application has laid over for the consideration of the members, at least four weeks, before he can be balloted for, without a dispensation for that purpose;' and that 'all Entered Apprentices must work five months as such, before they can be admitted to the degree of Fellow Craft. All Fellow Crafts must work in a Lodge of Crafts three months, before they can be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason: *Provided*, nevertheless, that if any Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft shall make himself thoroughly acquainted with all the information belonging to his degree, he may be advanced at an earlier period, at the discretion of the Lodge.'

"A foreign Grand Lodge, that of Hanover, has ordained, that 'an Apprentice shall remain two years in that degree, and a Fellow Craft one year in that degree;' and the M. W. Grand Master decides against any deviation from the rule, on the ground, that 'notwithstanding any assertion to the contrary, it is absolutely impossible for a brother, let his capacity or assiduity be what it may, to acquire in a shorter space, the knowledge of his degree, even in regard to its forms and customs. To neglect this regulation,' says he, 'and advance, at the expiration of a few months, nay sometimes a few days, a newly initiated member to the Master's degree, is an intolerable abuse; and it has likewise this fault,

that it strips away all the merit from that degree, which is the most sublime one, and ought never to be attained, but as a reward for zeal, aptness and perseverance."

"The Grand Lodge of Indiana provides that 'a candidate shall not be initiated in less than one month from the time of the filing of his petition;' and that 'more than one degree shall not be conferred upon the same candidate in less than one month.' Our youthful sister of Iowa has decreed that 'no Lodge shall receive any petition for initiation or admission, except on the day of a stated regular monthly meeting thereof; and no ballot shall be taken upon such petition, except seven members are present, nor until the next monthly meeting after the date of its presentation; nor shall a candidate be advanced to a superior degree without satisfactory examination as to his proficiency in the last degree he took.' The provisions of the Grand Lodges of Michigan and Wisconsin are in effect the same. 'The practice of examining the candidates in the prior degrees before admission to the higher,' says an able Grand Master, the want of the proceedings of whose Grand Lodge has already been noticed—M. W. Alex. H. Robertson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York—"in order to ascertain their proficiency, is gaining the favorable notice of Masters of Lodges, and can not be too highly valued, nor too strongly recommended to Lodges in this jurisdiction. It necessarily requires the novitiate to reflect upon the bearing of all that has been so far taught him, and consequently to impress upon his mind the beauty and utility of those sublime truths, which have been illustrated in the course of the ceremonies he has witnessed in his progress in the mystic art. In a word, it will be the means of making competent overseers of the work—and no candidate should be advanced until he has satisfied the Lodge by such an examination, that he has made the necessary proficiency in the lower degree—those made under dispensation only excepted.

"These views formed the basis of the resolution already adopted by this Grand Lodge,—to the strict observance of which it is trusted the subordinate Lodges will be held. It certainly had become necessary that the demand of 'suitable proficiency' in a preceding degree, prior to further promotion, should be authoritatively defined; for, practically, it had well nigh lost all significance. The definition given by this Grand Lodge, it will be seen from the above, is in accordance with the formal expressions of a large and most intelligent portion of the Fraternity; i. e., that perfection in the preceding degree is necessary to satisfy the demand. By concurring with sister Grand Lodges in enforcing this rule, the Grand Lodge of Illinois will contribute much towards raising the standard of Masonry, and harmonizing its practice with its theory and its principles; for she will make Masons, not merely ceremonially, but intellectually and morally.

"The matter of balloting for candidates, the question whose is the right? has distinctly engaged the attention of your committee. Their views on the subject shall be briefly given.

"The Masonic Institution is, as it professes to be, catholic or universal. Indeed, catholicity is of the essence of its character; giving it a feature of striking and almost peculiar interest, beauty, and glory. Therefore it is, that there is, there can be, properly and truly, but one family of Masons on the wide earth; that the 'Masonic Fraternity everywhere is one band of brothers, the children of one father, united by one fundamental constitution, and one sacred covenant.' Portions, or branches of the family exist in different places, under local

organizations,* but it is to be borne in mind, that all are or should be governed by the same common principles, speak the same language, work for the same end, and enjoy the same benefits. Hence it is often seen, that if one member suffers all the members suffer with him, and if one member rejoices all the members rejoice with him. The Masonic Institution presents in theory, and realizes the same to some extent practically, the beautiful spectacle of a universal family, the throbbing of the heart of every member of which is but, as it were, the pulse of the mighty heart of the whole, beating only to the common good.

"The introduction of a new member into the Institution, is, therefore, a matter of singular interest to the entire Fraternity. From the moment of initiation, a new heart beats with the family, whose claims for a responsive recognition are founded on ties which are the same the world over; and which may in any clime or country, thereafter, demand the performance of the vows of a common covenant.

"In accordance herewith, your committee deem it a right inherent in every member of the Masonic family to raise his voice and free his conscience in view of such an introduction; they deem it the inalienable privilege of every Mason present, on a given occasion, when a candidate is balloted for, to deposit his ballot; they hold to be most strictly true the language of a former committee of this Grand Lodge, that 'the privilege of balloting for or against an applicant is one of the inalienable rights of our time-honored Institution.'

"This subject has been brought to the especial notice of your committee in the foreign correspondence, wherein they discover that the Grand Lodge of Hanover has formally recognized the great principle here asserted, by enacting that 'In balloting for a candidate for *initiation*, every visiting brother shall have a right to vote, because the candidate, when initiated, becomes a member of the Craft in general.'

"May the consistent example thus set, serve as an incentive to this Grand Lodge, to take its stand upon the same high, catholic, and truly Masonic ground!

"The 'general rule which governs' the Fraternity 'in the admission of members,' that 'such admission shall be sanctioned by entire unanimity,' should, in the opinion of your committee, be rigidly adhered to by this Grand Lodge. It is one of those ancient and almost universal provisions, which, by its tender and sacred regard for the conscience of every brother, proclaims the entire freeness and peculiar beneficence of the Institution of Freemasonry. The theory is, that every member of the entire family should be permitted to say, in view of a given applicant, whether he can fulfill the duties and obligations of a brother towards him; and that if any brother should conscientiously feel (and a Mason is to be supposed to act at all such times, at least, conscientiously), that he can not acquit himself of his obligations towards the applicant, his conscience shall not be forced by having that individual brought into such relation towards him; and he, in consequence, be constrained, on the one hand, to violate conscience in the performance of duties which, in that particular case, would be against its convic-

* Such organizations are of comparatively very recent date. Previous to 1717, Lodges were empowered by inherent privileges vested in the Fraternity at large, to meet and act occasionally under the direction of some able architect. The ancient charges were the only standard for the regulation of conduct, and no law was known in the society which those charges did not inculcate.

"By such an inherent authority, the Lodge of Antiquity, in London, has always been, and still continues to be governed.—*Preston's Ill.*

tions; or, on the other, in the non-fulfillment of positive obligations to this end. Sacred and fundamental, therefore, is the rule conceived to be which requires that 'no candidate shall be initiated in any Lodge without a clear and unanimous ballot in his favor.' Such has ever been the estimate of this Grand Lodge. In the year 1842, its declared sentiments on this subject were as follows:

"The privilege of balloting for or against an applicant, is one of the inalienable rights of our time-honored Institution. The Lodge has no right to introduce within its walls any applicant who may be obnoxious to any one of its members; neither has it the right to inquire into the motive which actuated or influenced the ballot of any member.

"Should a member, forgetful of those Masonic principles so often inculcated within our sacred walls, reject a worthy applicant out of private pique or malice, the wrong is his own, and to his God alone he is accountable. And better far is it that worthy applicants should be rejected time and again, than that the sacredness of the ballot should be invaded.'

"The disposition observed in certain quarters to depart from this ancient usage, and thereby sacrifice one of the holiest and most conservative features in Masonic government, has, accordingly, excited in the minds of your committee unfeigned regret. It is hoped that this Grand Lodge will, in this regard, abide by 'the ancient landmarks which our fathers have set,' and that her firm but kind remonstrance against the innovation referred to may be heeded, and avail to some extent in effecting its correction.

"It may be considered as following naturally from the above, that your committee should hold that to be a good and wholesome provision, already adopted by this Grand Lodge, which requires that whenever a ballot has been had in a given case, and the result has been the rejection of the applicant, such result should govern absolutely the entire Fraternity, for the space of twelve months; and after the same, 'unless there be present all who were present at the time of taking the first ballot,' or permission shall have been obtained from the Grand Master for balloting the second time on an application from the same individual.

"Unusual and most extraordinary apprehensions appear to have been entertained in many portions of the Masonic family in this country, for some time past, lest imposture should obtain some success among us, and our confidence, our charities, our rites, one and all, be, in consequence, shared or participated in by the unworthy or 'clandestine.' So great and imminent has this imagined evil seemed to some prominent members of the Fraternity, as to have prompted them to effort hardly less than that which has been put forth in regard to work, in providing a safeguard against it additional to those which our 'fathers set,' and deemed sufficient and surer in its operation than the ancient mystic tongue which the true craftsman only can utter purely and without 'stammering lips.' Grand Lodge certificates have emanated hence, and from the circumstances of their origin and the end they were intended to serve, it might be expected that they should be made, wherever it was possible, absolute *requisitions*. Unhappily, this Grand Lodge, at a former communication, gave to them such importance. The inutility, inexpediency, and impropriety of the measure have been experienced in such signal instances, as to render each marked in the extreme. But in this our Grand Lodge is not alone; several other Grand Lodges have held

them in the same high estimate; several, however, have proposed them with qualifications, and many, your committee are happy to say, have reprobated them as an infringement on the ancient rules and regulations. These last have not been able to sympathize either in the fears which prompted them, or in the dread of the evils against which they were intended as an additional safeguard, or to appreciate them highly above the means peculiar to the Institution for the prevention of imposture, or to feel that a regulation like that with which they are sought to be imposed would not be an 'innovation in the body of Masonry,' against which duty requires them to contend—thinking they may neither add to nor take aught from the deposit solemnly committed to them. The Grand Lodges of Connecticut, Maryland, Mississippi, and Indiana, may be mentioned as of this class, and who do not, therefore, adopt the system; and, as they inform us, those of Rhode Island and Ohio. In the opinion of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, expressed through its committee, your committee concur, viz.: that 'a Grand Lodge diploma should only be regarded as evidence that the individual may be examined, under the certainty that if he proves himself a Mason, he is not an expelled or clandestine made Mason, but in good standing;' in other words, that he was 'initiated in a regular Lodge.' Thus viewed, Grand Lodge certificates are matters of indifference—evidence collateral only, which may be regarded or waived at the pleasure of any Mason or body of Masons to whom they may be preferred. It is hoped that the day is far, very far distant, when they shall generally be rested on the higher ground of *requisition*, and the eye, the ear, and the touch, the eminently Masonic senses, be, in consequence, interdicted a recognition of those peculiar means by which the Institution has provided that admission should be gained 'into all regular and well governed Lodges of Masons;' when, in short, the language of Masonry shall fail to make itself heard, and a scrip of parchment, of modern devise, not of the Institution, but an excrescence upon it, shall be required to gain for it the notice which it may claim, and become the sure passport to the hospitalities and charities of 'Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons.' How shall I know you to be a Mason, is a question which the language of Masonry answers, and which being answered, in a given case, according to the terms of the Institution, additional evidence may not be required, but at the hazard of 'innovation,' such as 'it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make.'

"And what is the end proposed to be gained by the innovation? Why, to render us infallibly sure, a degree beyond the assurance of other means, against imposture; to render perfect the guard over our confidence, our charities, and our rites, against the seceding, the renouncing, the clandestine, the suspended, or the expelled Mason! Now, as forgery is a crime far less dreaded than that of perjury, so will he who would commit the latter, not long hesitate to add the former to his measure of guilt, if his end may thus be gained. Let our 'due examination' be considered, and it will be seen that that great crime is the first in the series of ascending barriers at the portals of our Institution, whose height well nigh reaches the clouded canopy above, impenetrable for their intricacy, and that they may not be scaled by him whose goings are not ordered in uprightness. If one should have the hardihood to try the difficult ascent, when he should reach the newly proposed topmost bar, it would be found but as a thread of gossamer in his way. So little efficacious, practically, would Grand Lodge certificates be found.

"But to 'climb up some other way,' as 'the thief and the robber,' is very rarely attempted, and for all the cases of such imposition, a rigid appliance of the detectives of the Institution will fully avail. If, perchance, it were otherwise, and one in a thousand were to be successful; what then? what would be proved but that in one wonderful instance in this 19th century, the knavery and the wickedness of man had united with the cunning of the deceiver to such an extent as to have triumphed over impediments that have proved efficacious in opposing invasion for well nigh five thousand years. Let us not be wiser than our fathers.

"But what would be gained by the successful impostor, or what of loss would he cost us? Impostor, thief, perjurer, in largest characters, would glare with a more than phosphorescent brightness upon everything without upon which he looked, and from his mind within, till his bewildered vision would render him all harmless to say the least as regards the Institution, and lead him to seek covert from himself, his convictions, and his shame. What, if admitted to our rites, could the seceding or renouncing, the suspended or expelled Mason afterwards say of us that he might not say without such an admission, except that there is now a holier tone in the Institution than when he disgraced it by apostacy or by grossness? What could the base impostor say at which we should revolt? Is not all our work guided by the 'Great Light,' in the moral as well as the Masonic world? The betrayer of us, then, can do us no harm; and is not this proven by the experience of the last twenty years? Have not the false, the impostors, the professed revelators, within that period, really, though indirectly, given to Masonry its present towering strength? Has not the Institution been improved by their means? For a small moment the wrath of the enemy seemed to prevail, and she seemed forsaken; but she was undergoing purification only, and she has come forth as gold from the furnace, mightier now than ever.

"Your committee can but feel that the brethren generally are in too much fear of imposture. We have seen that it has no power to harm us as a body; that any serious harm can accrue to us as individuals, from an occasional improper tax upon our confidence or our charity, is not believed. Such bondage to fear, in the regard under consideration, argues unfavorably for the strength of our cause, and the adequacy of the safeguards of our 'Ancient Masonic Institution.' Your committee are, therefore, content with the Institution as it is, fortified by 'the ancient landmarks which our fathers have set,' without the *requisition* of Grand Lodge certificates—believing with our brethren of Connecticut, that 'there are rules and rites, co-existent with Masonry itself, by which every Lodge may and should guard itself against all imposition; and to be imposed upon by a clandestine made Mason, or one who is under the sentence of expulsion or suspension, or in any other manner, must show a very great forgetfulness of the obligations by which the Fraternity are bound.'

"In the disagreements which have already arisen, and are likely to arise out of this matter, your committee see another and most urgent reason for the formation of a General Grand Lodge.

"If any Grand Lodge should insist on requiring Grand Lodge certificates, and refuse communion without them, where shall lie the appeal? who or what shall interpose to heal the schism?

"Your committee observe that Masonic education is a leading subject which appears to be engaging the attention of the brethren universally, and awakening them to action. Foremost in this humane cause stands the Grand Lodge of Missouri, whose noble efforts in this regard excite admiration, and are beyond all praise. Her Masonic college for the education of destitute orphans, is the

first successful public charity of the kind ever yet attempted in our country,* and through the favor of the Supreme Grand Master, will cause untold numbers, in generations to come, to rise up and call those noble craftsmen blessed who projected and achieved that 'great and glorious undertaking.' It stands as a monument of the wisdom that devised, and of the energetic charity that accomplished a result which serves to the whole Fraternity as a beacon light to guide them to the noblest and most effectual mode for dispensing their charity. Already has it stirred many an impulse in the same direction in other quarters, and moved to correspondent action.

"The Grand Lodge of Mississippi has adopted the same educational system, and the signal success which has already crowned its action since its adoption, is such as to reflect the highest credit upon the brethren supporting it, whilst it confers upon the Masonic Institution the distinguished honor of maintaining the only free schools in that State. It is learned through the brethren of New Hampshire, who refer to the same with approbation, that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has moved in the same matter, by 'requesting each and every subordinate Lodge under her jurisdiction to appoint a committee, whose duty it shall be to find out all the orphan children of deceased Masons within the limits of its jurisdiction, and those who are in indigent circumstances, and send said children to the school in the neighborhood where they live, and pay for the same out of the funds of the Lodge, and by subscriptions from members and transient members,' and providing that 'if there can not be means enough raised by such sources, then the Grand Lodge may appropriate such sums as it may deem proper for such purposes, by petition being made for the same.'

"The brethren in Indiana and Maryland are engaged with reference to the same holy cause, as, your committee indirectly learn, are they of North Carolina, Tennessee, and Alabama. This mode of dispensing Masonic charity appears to be free from all objections, is secure against perversion of loss, and is effective in accomplishing the greatest amount of good. Your committee would therefore express the hope that this Grand Lodge will not be backward in appreciating and practicing it, but that by generous, prompt, and decided action, she will speedily place herself high in this rank of usefulness and honor.

"To another and most truly legitimate mode of practicing Masonic charity, attention has been given in certain quarters. The brethren of Mississippi have been forward in the example. The R. W. Dep. Grand Master of that Grand Lodge thus speaks of the subject to which your committee now refer:

"I learn, with unmingled feelings of gratification, that some of our subordinate Lodges have lately adopted a system of action which secures to every sick brother during his illness the constant attendance of a Master Mason. The Masters of these subordinate Lodges are required to appoint monthly a committee, whose sole duty consists in ascertaining the invalids amongst them, and appointing daily two Master Masons to attend each indisposed brother. The unparalleled mortality of the past year has convinced us all, not only of the utility, but of the absolute necessity of some general permanent system of this

*The first charity of the kind ever successfully attempted anywhere, was the institution of the Royal Cumberland Freemason's School, in England, on the 25th of March, A. D. 1788. It was for maintaining, clothing, and educating the female children and orphans of indigent brethren. By liberal contributions the institution was so established as to reflect greatest honor upon the Fraternity. Upwards of 550 children educated in it, have, by their character in after life, added a lustre to Freemasonry, while there has been but one blot on the bright escutcheon, and in that case there was much more to pity than to blame.

character, and I should prove recreant to duty, did I not urge upon this Grand Lodge the propriety of adopting effectual measures to secure this desirable end. To visit the sick, and to supply their wants and administer comfort, is one of the *grand charities* of our Order; but to effect this, organization and system are essentially necessary. Divided duty is seldom performed, and that which should be the duty of all, usually receives the attention of none. Let us, brethren, adopt effective measures to free ourselves from the charge of negligence in this particular. Let us not apply the *speculative* character of our work to our *charity*, but rather let us practice out of our Lodges the excellent lessons of brother love, relief, and charity, which are taught us in them. Let us look through the emblems and symbols of Freemasonry to the discharge of the great moral duties which they inculcate, and we may confidently anticipate the day when the uniform and salutary, though silent and unseen influence of our principles, will effectually silence the tongue of calumny, and weaken, if not forever extinguish, the unjustifiable rancor and hatred of our enemies.'

"The Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, in recommending this subject to the attention of their Grand Lodge, say that 'none of the beautiful precepts of Masonry have higher claims than that of visiting, sympathizing with, and aiding those upon whom disease has laid its heavy hands.'

"Your committee have great joy in knowing that what is so commended here, has already begun to be practiced among us. The by-laws of Oriental Lodge No. 33, in the city of Chicago, exhibit the brethren who compose it as alive to this department of Masonic charity and duty. The example is commended as worthy of general imitation and adoption.

"The importance of a general diffusion of Masonic intelligence, disposes your committee to regard with favor the Masonic periodicals now published, and to recommend that each Lodge within this jurisdiction subscribe for one or more of each of them, to be the property of such Lodge, and to be kept in its hall, or in a room appendant thereto, for the use of all the members of the Craft who may wish to consult them.

"If an equal sum should be annually expended in the purchase of well selected volumes, embodying the literature of the Institution, with its history and constitutions, our several Masonic halls would present liberal attractions for reading, such as could not fail to influence widely. Each hall would thus furnish a Masonic 'reading room,' to which the members of the Craft would gladly resort, as a means by which to render their profession intelligent, and so prepare them to discharge their several duties with honor to themselves, and satisfaction to the Fraternity generally. How far this would promote the real and permanent good of the Masonic Institution, your committee will not attempt to estimate.

"In calling the attention of this Grand Lodge to the fact, admitted on all sides, that unfaithfulness and imperfection in the discharge of Masonic duties and obligations with those who have assumed them, is usually precisely commensurate with the degree of ignorance of its principles characterizing the same persons, your committee believe that they will have put this Grand Body in possession of a means of making such estimate with more correctness than it can be done by themselves, and that the conviction will not be slow in forcing itself on all, that the measure now proposed is wise and good, and therefore worthy of adoption.

"It would essentially further the interest now considered, if a periodical devoted to the Craft could be successfully established among us. The matter, it is believed, is in contemplation in a certain quarter. It is hoped that it may issue in accordance with the wishes of the great body of the Fraternity, who are ready to second such an effort for the common good.

"Through these means, and a free interchange of Grand Lodge proceedings, very satisfactory provision is afforded for rendering the Fraternity intelligent in regard to our Institution. Each part of this is simple and effective, and may be adapted to all conditions and exigencies. The whole is perhaps as much as we are capable of using efficiently and with profit, in our present isolation and relative independence; until we shall be united into one body, to be informed and guided by it as a general head, more complex means would ill besit us.

"The representative system,' as it is termed, is of such complex character; and, on many distinct accounts, is little in favor with your committee. The Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, who are in favor of the system, so fairly state it, that they may bring it before you. 'This,' [system] say they, 'is of recent origin—it promises, as your committee believe, much good to the cause of Masonry.

"The practice, so far as it prevails, is this: The Grand Lodge of one State appoints some individual as her representative in some other Grand Lodge. The representative appointed is received and accredited by the Grand Lodge to which he is sent. He sometimes resides within the jurisdiction of the Lodge sending him: but more frequently in that of the Lodge to which he is sent. A Grand Lodge wishing to derive the advantages growing out of such a representation, recommends to a sister Grand Lodge some suitable person to be her representative, and asks a similar favor; the Grand Lodge sent to, approves the recommendation or not, at her pleasure; and will recommend or not, as she chooses, some person near her own Grand Lodge to be representative of her sister Grand Lodge.

"The object of this system is to bring the Grand Lodges of the different States into more intimate connection with each other—to bind them more closely together as one great brotherhood, and facilitate the interchange of communications and intelligence generally.

"From the very nature of the case, the powers and duties of such representatives are not defined with precision; there is no one body which has the power to do this. The different Lodges of different States are entirely independent of each other, and whatever is done by one Grand Lodge affecting interests out of his own jurisdiction has no binding authority till that action receives the concurrence and approval of the Lodges generally; and even then each Grand Lodge will remain entirely independent and at liberty to pursue her own course, though what is ascertained to be for the benefit of the Craft generally has ever been regarded as entitled to its influence upon the whole body.

"There is another object which we think may be effected by this system of representation. Questions are continually arising in one State affecting the interest of Masonry in another. Protests may be sent—representations may be made; but business will be poorly attended to in this way. This system may be made to afford great facilities for the transaction of all business of this character. Except in cases where a Grand Lodge sends one of its members to another, this system is attended with trifling expense to any of the parties. Persons are generally appointed to this station who would, without the appointment,

attend the meetings of their Grand Lodge; it will of course be attended with no expense to them. The representative is provided with the regalia of the State he represents, which is nearly all the expense necessary. The system has received the approval of a large number of the Grand Lodges.' And, the committee might have added, the disapproval of a number. Unless the system should be generally adopted, its ends can be but imperfectly answered; if generally adopted, it would be found cumbrous in the extreme, and expensive beyond ordinary ability. Contrary to the opinion above adduced, your committee believe that the cost of the measure ought to be specifically counted before its adoption; for that, from a most cursory estimate which they have given it, the tax of the system will be past being borne. In the simple matter of the required regalia, there would be at once involved an amount of expenditure which but very few of the Grand Lodges are able to incur. Let us examine and ascertain as near as we may what it would be likely to be.

"There are at present in this country thirty Grand Lodges; one in the District of Columbia, and one in each Territory and State, with the exception of Vermont. Now, the plan is that each of these thirty Grand Lodges be represented at all of the others. The expense incident to such representation, in the cheapest manner proposed, is that which must be involved in furnishing the representatives with proper regalia. Such regalia for each representative, it is supposed, could be procured for about one hundred dollars,—such being the price of that with which your committee have known some representatives to be invested. At this rate, proper regalia for thirty representatives would amount to *three thousand dollars!* Should any Grand Lodge seek to be represented abroad also, the expense would be increased according to the estimate above given. Here is presented the lowest cost of the plan, unless indeed the cost of the regalia be reduced. If that be done, say one half, its aggregate cost fully carried out, to each Grand Lodge, would be, but *fifteen hundred dollars!*

"If the representation were to be effected, not by the choice of Masons as representatives, whose residence is at or near the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge in which representation is sought to be had, but by sending Masons from the jurisdiction to be represented, the expense would, of course, be vastly increased; it would in nearly all cases, be doubled, and in some quadrupled.

"Now, it is submitted whether this Grand Lodge is prepared for this? Can it concur in so expensive a system?

"But the system, if fully tried, will be found to be as cumbrous as it is expensive. What, for instance, would be the position of this Grand Lodge to-day, if she were called on to discharge the duties that would be owed to thirty or forty foreign representatives near her, and to regard duly representatives of her own in an equal number abroad? Is not the thought of the complexity of the plan truly forbidding? It is, in the opinion of your committee, too expensive and complex for adoption; other and more simple means may answer its purposes, and this, which is of so 'recent origin,' be therefore permitted to 'sleep awhile.' Your committee will not disguise the fact of their belief, that by a General Grand Lodge its adoption might be feasible and eminently useful. In such connection, it would be free from the objections offered to it, as at present proposed, and might prove effective in promoting ends correspondent with those which are answered by the system of representation in operation at the seat of, and by, our general civil government. With such system it would be in analogy. But what would be thought of the proposal to extend that sys-

tem to the several State and Territorial governments in this country, as this system of Masonic representation is proposed with respect to the several Grand Lodges?

"A general Masonic government your committee believe to be the only body that can with propriety either put itself, or be put, forward as *the* organ of correspondence, the head of government, the body to represent and be represented, and, by consequence, to receive and transmit general information, concerning the entire family. For such and further reasons offered by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, they deem the adoption of the plan unnecessary and inexpedient.

"Without having the necessary documents before them,' says that Grand Lodge, through the report of its committee, 'conclusively to show the fact, they believe the system originated some years ago in our sister Grand Lodge of New York; the object of which was to facilitate a more familiar intercourse between the different Grand Lodges, both here and in Europe, and thereby to extend the benevolent designs of the Institution.

"The mode of effecting this object is, that each Grand Lodge shall appoint a representative at all other Grand Lodges, to whom all communications may be sent from the Grand Lodge he represents, necessary to be transmitted to that to which he is appointed a representative. This representative is not intended to be a member of the Grand Lodge he represents, or even a citizen of the State or county in which his appointment is made, but a citizen of the place where he is to perform the functions of his office, and, perhaps, a member of the same Grand Lodge in which he is to represent a foreign body.

"In order to carry out the system in a manner to do honor to this Grand Lodge, should it be thought expedient to adopt it, your committee are of opinion that, in the first place, the Grand Secretary should open a negotiation with each Grand Lodge, with which you wish to stand in this relation, and ascertain whether it will be agreeable to that body to accept your terms of friendly intercourse. If accepted, some suitable person, residing near that Grand Lodge, should be appointed, to whom you will issue your commission, and at the same time furnish him with the appropriate clothing and jewel of this Grand Lodge.

"Your committee might, perhaps, with propriety stop here, and consider that they had executed the duties of their appointment; but they will take the liberty to suggest, that inasmuch as it is a generally adopted rule that each Grand Secretary shall communicate with all others, at least, so far as to transmit printed copies of the journal of the proceedings of his Grand Lodge, and as all matters proper and necessary to be communicated from one Grand Lodge to another can (as it should seem) be as well communicated through that officer as through a representative, who is not presumed to have greater knowledge of the affairs of the body he represents than any other stranger, until it shall be specially transmitted to him, they do not understand how a greater familiarity, or a more friendly intercourse, can be effected through the one channel than the other.

"The committee would further suggest, that the appointment of representatives by this Grand Lodge would, in their opinion, be attended with a very considerable outlay of expense, while they are not satisfied that the system is likely to effect any important good to the Fraternity.'

"The relation between the several bodies which have cognizance of the different departments of the Masonic Institution is involved in the third section

of the fourth article of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and is of such importance as to deserve a notice in this report.

"The article says: 'The expulsion or suspension of a brother from a Royal Arch chapter, or an encampment of Knights Templar, shall not operate as an expulsion from the Lodge of which he is a member.'

"The Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, 'in brotherly kindness and regard,' commented upon this article at some length. Their views are so clear and just that your committee have thought it well to adopt them, and present their entire report on the subject:

"This is a subject in dispute by various Grand Lodges, and your committee are not aware that this Grand Lodge has decided the point, or that there is a uniform rule of action among the subordinates of this Grand Lodge. Your committee do not wish or intend disrespect to any body, or individual, who may entertain the doctrine expressed in this section, when they say that such a position is unjust and absurd. By way of illustration let us suppose a case: A, B, C, and D, are members of Lodge No. 3, and Chapter No. 1. A is expelled by the Lodge, and afterwards goes to a meeting of the Chapter: will B, C, and D, sit there with him? Can they do it? or will they not require that the Chapter deal with him as did the Lodge? Suppose that he has been expelled by the Chapter instead of the Lodge, and afterwards attempts to sit in the Lodge with B, C, and D; are they not in the same relative positions to each other? And if the Chapter did right in expelling him, because he had been expelled by the Lodge, would the Lodge be doing more or less than right in doing as the Chapter had done? Would the square be broken or the level destroyed in the one case, and not in the other? Suppose B, C, and D to be Master and Wardens of the Lodge; A is expelled by the Chapter, and the Lodge refuses to do so; could not B, C, or D, whichever was acting as Master, refuse to admit him, the Lodge being open? Suppose the Lodge not open, and the installed officers refuse to open while A was there, could the Lodge be opened by a past installed officer, or any other member, against the order of the Master? We hold it to be the duty of a Lodge, Chapter, or Encampment, to believe that a body expelling a member, did so for good and sufficient cause, on just and proper trial, in accordance with Masonic law, and, therefore, bound by the square to go and do likewise, unless he require of them a trial, in which the evidence producing his expulsion shall be before the tribunal appealed to, with such as may be obtained; and if, after such investigation, they shall judge that he ought not to have been expelled, they should refer the case to the first or expelling body, soliciting a re-hearing, and showing the reason why he should not be expelled. Should the expelling body, after such re-hearing, still continue the sentence of expulsion, contrary to the views of the second body, he should stand expelled from all, unless an appeal be taken to the Grand Lodge, Chapter, or Encampment, whichever may have the jurisdiction over the expelling body; and should the sentence be there sustained, all should be bound by that decision, and act accordingly. This course appears to be proper and just, although cases may arise in which injustice may seem to be done; yet it is held that improper motives are not to be attributed by one party to another, but remember that they are *brethren* acting up to their obligations to each other, according to the principles and precepts of Masonry.'

"Whether a subordinate Lodge may try its own Master, has been of late widely discussed, and, for the importance of the principles involved, deserves to be brought to the notice of this Grand Lodge. In Mississippi, the case originated which has called up the subject, with especial interest, at this time. The R.

W. D. Grand Master of that State submitted the case to his Grand Lodge as follows:

"Your attention is respectfully solicited to the consideration of a very momentous and important question of Masonic jurisprudence, which has been called forth by the action of one of our subordinate Lodges, during the past year. It assumed and exercised the power of expelling its own Master, who was also the Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge. If the rule adopted by the triennial convention of Baltimore, that "no subordinate Lodge can try its own Master, but that he is amenable to the Grand Lodge, alone," be correct, the whole proceeding is absolutely null and void, and the brother is still our Senior Grand Warden. The conformity of this rule with the Old Constitutions of Masonry, and its almost universal approval by the Craft, have given to it the binding force and sanction of a law. I do not feel disposed to question either its wisdom or propriety. By it the Master of a Lodge is exempt from trial whilst he continues in office; so also is the Grand Master of a State, for he is, by virtue of his office, the Master of all the subordinate Lodges within his jurisdiction. Does not the same rule hold good as to all the officers of the Grand Lodge? One of the reasons upon which the rule is founded, is, as I suppose, that the subordinate Lodge might, by expulsion of its successive Masters, deprive itself of all its officers, and thus work its own temporary, if not permanent dissolution. The same reason will apply with equal, nay, with greater force to the case of the Grand Lodge, as each of its subordinates might, by the exercise of this power, expel all its grand officers, and thus effect its virtual destruction. The action of the subordinate Lodge, as to the Senior Grand Warden, is certainly an anomaly in the history of government, as I can recollect no instance where *one* of a numerous constituency has been permitted to depose an officer whom *all* have concurred in selecting. Each of the subordinate Lodges is but a unit of this Grand Lodge, and the aggregation of these units forms the constituency of its grand officers. You might with equal propriety give to any one member of the electoral college of our nation the power to depose the President, whom all have concurred in selecting, as to suffer a subordinate Lodge to expel an officer whom all the Masons throughout the State have elevated to office. This power is certainly withheld in the former case, and I can see no plausible reason why it should be conferred in the latter. As in the political, so also in the Masonic government, the constituent bodies of each may, by its representatives, impeach before the proper tribunal their general officers, but never depose them. What is the proper tribunal in our government? Certainly the Grand Lodge, to which, by the Old Constitutions, was intrusted the *sole* power of suspending or expelling, not merely its own officers, but even the private members of the Craft. Could I see no other objection to the action of the subordinate Lodge, its novelty, and startling violation of all the usages of good government, would be with me insurmountable. To you, brethren, the question is submitted, with an earnest request that you will give it that calm and serious investigation which its novelty and importance demand."

"The Grand Lodge sustained these views of the Grand Master, at the same time that it maintained the justness of the grounds upon which the subordinate Lodge had acted, by expelling the individual 'from all the rights, privileges, and benefits of Masonry.'"

"A counter view is presented by the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. That committee says:

“The convention assembled at Baltimore expressed the opinion that a subordinate Lodge had not a right to try its Master. The Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Arkansas, and Mississippi concur in that opinion, some of the other Grand Lodges dissent. The principle ground of this opinion is that a Master of a Lodge is a member of the Grand Lodge, and therefore only amenable for any of his acts to that body. It is replied, that the same reasoning would equally apply to the Wardens.

“The right view of this question, it seems to your committee, has not been taken. The report of the minority of the committee in the Grand Lodge of Mississippi upon this question, which came before that Lodge, comes nearer to the true view than any other we have met.

“A glance at the history of our Grand Lodges and their powers must settle this question. The time was, when there existed no Grand Lodge,—the whole authority of course then rested in what are now termed subordinate Lodges. Many inconveniences were found to grow out of this state of things, and a remedy was attempted by a union of a number of Lodges, through certain officers appointed for that purpose, which resulted in the establishment of the regular Grand Lodges of the present day. The powers which they at present possess, it is apparent, must have grown up gradually, and must have been conceded to them by the original Lodges, and was so much taken from them. Grand Lodges, then, could possess only those powers which were expressly granted to them by the subordinates to whom they owe their very existence. These powers are defined in the constitutions of those bodies, or sanctioned by long continued use and acquiescence; and whatever powers are not thus found to be conceded to the Grand Lodges are retained still in the primitive state. The right, then, which any Lodge has to try its Master, does not rest in *opinion*, but it is a question of *fact* whether it have parted with this power; and this question, in the view of your committee, there is one instrument, and one only, which can settle, and that is the constitution of the Grand Lodge. Your committee do not question the right of the subordinate Lodges, by their representatives in the Grand Lodge, to confer that power upon the latter body; but until that is done, we are very clearly of opinion that the power is retained where it originally was. The question of naked right, and of expediency, are two very different things, which are too apt to be blended together; and the latter but too often exerts more than its legitimate influence upon the former—upon the latter we are not called to express an opinion. In the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, recently adopted, we noticed a provision of this kind, vesting this power in the Grand Lodge—it, the only provision of the kind in any of our constitutions which has fallen within our observation.’

“Your committee are disposed to favor this view of our brethren in New Hampshire. The subject is important in the last degree, and requires to be adjudicated by some central, general authority, that justice and uniformity may prevail.

“Under what jurisdiction should be the Past Master’s degree, whether that of the Master’s Lodge or Chapter, one or both, is a question which has been occupying the attention of some of our sister Grand Lodges.

“Article 6th of the constitution of Missouri provides, that ‘it shall be the duty of each subordinate Lodge to cause the degree or order of Past Master to be conferred upon the Worshipful Master and Wardens elect, as soon after their election as is possible and convenient.’

"This provision, extending the degree of Past Master to the Wardens as well as Masters elect of a subordinate Lodge, seems to your committee to be in conflict with the nature of the degree—as exhibited in its history and objects—with its teachings, and Masonic usage.

"No person has a right to receive it who has not been actually elected to preside over a regular Lodge. The degree thus restricts itself, and necessarily excludes from its possession those elected Wardens merely. The practice of conferring this degree upon Masons not previously elected to preside as Masters in the chair originated in Maryland some twenty-five or thirty years since, with the view, as is declared, of facilitating the advancement of Chapters then in their infancy. But this usage is very properly acknowledged and condemned by the Grand Lodge of that State as an innovation. Yet, strange to say, Mr. Cole, in his 'Masonic Library,' treats the subject as if authoritatively settled otherwise; and his is the only sanction known for the provision quoted from the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. His statement is as follows:

"Formerly none but those who, having by a steady line of conduct, and the most unremitting exertions, in the cause of Masonry, been selected by their brethren, and placed as chief overseers of the work, were made acquainted with the mysteries contained in this degree; and such only were considered as legally authorized to sit and act, as representatives in the general grand convocations; but in consequence of the manner in which the divine influence of Masonry has been extended over the greater parts of the habitable globe, it has been found convenient to confer this knowledge on any worthy Master, who may obtain the unanimous consent of the Past Masters of the Lodge of which he is at that time a member.

"No Master can, however, obtain the honorary degree of Past Master in any other Lodge than that of which he is a working member, except in a Chapter of R. A. Masons, who possess the privilege of conferring all the intermediate degrees, by a right inherent in them.'

"The foundation of this teaching being assumption, and contrary to Masonic right, however well intended, the practice which is in accordance with it can but be regarded as erroneous. So our brethren in Maryland, with whom it originated, have themselves, as already stated, admitted.

"But the point still remains, who shall confer the Past Master's degree on the Master. On this subject the Grand Lodge of Maryland, through its Committee on Correspondence, holds the following language:

"The first topic to which they would call your attention is of a local nature, and was suggested by the report on correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which says:

"The Grand Lodge of Maryland approves of the system of lectures as adopted and agreed upon by the convention of Masons at Baltimore, in May, 1843, and has directed that the same be adopted by all the Lodges under her jurisdiction. She refuses her assent to the sending of a delegate to Europe. She has forbidden the subordinate Lodges under her jurisdiction to confer the degree of Past Master on any one who has not been duly elected to preside in the chair (a practice we did not suppose had ever obtained under the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge). She is also in favor of the establishment of a Grand Masonic Convention to meet triennially, possessing certain specified powers."

"Your committee have, on a former occasion, felt it their duty to correct a similar error, into which our New York brethren had fallen in relation to the Past Master's degree; the expression used by our Illinois brethren, "*a practice we did not suppose had ever obtained under the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge,*"

must serve as the excuse for the notice which your committee take of the subject, and the remarks they intend to make thereon. Your committee desire to approach this subject with due respect; so far as their information extends, they believe this practice originated with some of the members of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, some twenty or twenty-five, perchance thirty years since, with the view, as is supposed, of facilitating the advancement of the Chapters, then in their infancy; and they believe received the sanction of the Grand Lodge by the imposition of a tax on the degree, which tax, however, has long since been abandoned, although the practice of conferring the degree has not shared the same fate. Having been practiced by nearly all subordinate Lodges for the above period, this assumption has acquired the sanctity of "*ancient usage*." Thus much for its origin: let us now calmly view the situation in which we are placed by this innovation. It is a matter of surprise to some of our sister Grand Lodges that such a thing should exist, and to others a matter of rejoicing when they believed, though erroneously, that the practice was abandoned. But again, it is an assumption of the inherent rights and prerogatives of another body, which brings us into direct conflict with what body, and places those of us who belong to both bodies in an awkward and unpleasant predicament. The constitution of the G. G. Chapter provides that "the several State Grand Chapters shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several R. A. Chapters and Lodges of the M. E., Past, and M. M. Masons, within their respective jurisdictions," &c. "No dispensation or charter shall be granted for instituting Lodges of M. E., Past, or M. Masters, independent of a Chapter of R. A. Masons;" and without such dispensation or charter they are declared illegal, and "Masonic communication, both public and private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Chapter or Lodge, or any member of either of them; and any Chapter, Lodge, or assembly, that may be so illegally formed, opened, or holden, without such charter, or any or either of their members, or any person exalted or advanced in such illegal Chapter or Lodge." Our brethren who are not members of a Chapter, or who have taken none of those degrees, can from this see the predicament in which they place their brethren who have taken those degrees, if they continue the practice under consideration. Every R. A. Mason or Mark Master must hold as a clandestine Mason any one who may so receive this degree; and Masonic communication is forbidden, not only with him, but with all who have assisted in thus conferring this degree. As R. A. Masons they feel bound to lay before their brethren of this Grand Lodge this plain statement of the case, and appeal to them, by our common fraternal ties, to adopt at once a course of action which will restore us to an equal level, by laying aside this assumed power, which is not defensible on any principle of right, justice, or expediency.

"Your committee can not indorse the opinion at which that body has arrived, that the Chapter has exclusive jurisdiction over this degree; and by consequence, that the practice of conferring it in connection with grand and subordinate Lodges is in conflict with the constitution of the G. G. Chapter, and tends to disturb the harmony of the Masonic Institution.

"The constitution of the G. G. Chapter is intended, it is conceived, to guard against the formation of any Chapter, or of the Lodges in a Chapter, without a dispensation or charter from the G. G. Chapter, or from some Grand Chapter under the jurisdiction of the G. G. Chapter; and to forbid Masonic communication, both public and private, between any Chapter, or Lodge in a Chapter, or any member of either of them, and any Chapter, Lodge in a Chapter, or assem-

bly, purporting to be a Chapter, or part or branch of a Chapter, that may be formed, opened, or holden without such dispensation or charter, or any or either of their members, or any person exalted or advanced in such illegal Chapter or Lodge. But it does not, as it appears to your committee, either in its letter or spirit, engross the Past Master's degree so that it may not be conferred by a convention of Past Masters upon one who has been duly elected to preside over a subordinate Lodge as Master. In short, that it does not arrogate exclusive jurisdiction over the Past Master's degree so as to take from other distinct and independent bodies, having jurisdiction over the first three degrees of Masonry, that on which their continued existence depends. For the power of conferring this degree seems to be incident to a Master's Lodge, and necessary to its very existence. On this point your committee would call your attention to the pertinent remarks of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master of the State of Mississippi:

"The several Grand Lodges of our country have very properly determined, that no mere Master can preside over a subordinate Lodge, or fill any of the more important offices of his Grand Lodge. This rule, though perfectly correct, operates with peculiar hardship here, as many of our subordinate Lodges have seldom more than one of their number qualified to preside, and should he, after his election, die or remove, a large number of them would be compelled to suspend their labors until their next communication, or to send off one of their Wardens to obtain, in some distant Chapter, the requisite qualification to fill the chair of his own Lodge. Brethren, this is an extreme evil. * * * I can not dismiss this subject without some notice of the noble conduct of our brother Master Masons, in adopting the rule which excludes them from all the high offices of their Order, upon the mere assurance of their brethren of higher degrees, that a different course would be a violation of the landmarks of Masonry. We may well conclude that such another instance of brotherly confidence could be found in no earthly institution. To you, brethren, this question is again submitted—and I ask you, in the name of every Master Mason of our country, to give it your serious consideration.'

"It is submitted, that it never was the intention of the framers of the G. G. R. A. constitution to make the first three degrees of Masonry, upon which the Chapter degrees themselves depend, dependent upon those degrees. No record of this character appears in the history either of the G. G. Chapter, or the State Grand Chapters in this country; but it does appear, that 'until the year 1797, no Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was organized in America; and that previously to this period a competent number of companions, of that degree, possessed of sufficient abilities, under the sanction of a Master's warrant, proceeded to exercise the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Chapters, whenever they thought it expedient and proper; although in most cases, the approbation of a neighboring Chapter was deemed useful, if not essential.'

"The Past Master's degree, therefore, was conferred, up to this time, under the sanction of a Master's warrant. While we find it from this time conferred under the authority of Grand Chapters, now separate and independent bodies, as one of the Chapter degrees in course, we do not find that it was therefore lost to the power by which it had been conferred. History shows the reverse. The practice from that time has been for the degree to be conferred under the sanction of a Master's warrant, as formerly, upon those who had been previously elected to preside over Masters' Lodges.

"It is thus conclusively shown that a surrender of this degree, to be conferred by the chapters exclusively, was never made.

"But the same is not true in regard to the degrees of Mark Master and Most Excellent Master, which confirms this view.

"From what has been now adduced, the case stands thus: That the Past Master's degree may be conferred as heretofore, under its own restrictions—that is, by Past Masters of Lodges, upon those who shall have been actually elected to preside over Masters' Lodges; and by Chapters, under their restrictions, in the due order of their degrees, and not otherwise.

"Let not Chapters serve to qualify in this regard Masters for Masters' Lodges, of which they are independent, and with which they have no connection, but let them leave that duty to be performed by those bodies for themselves, through their own Past Masters; and let the Chapters require that the Mark Master's degree be the connecting link between Past Masters so made and their own, and let this link be supplied and presented before the former are admitted among the Past Masters of the Chapter.

"Thus the distinct boundaries between Masters' Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters and their Lodges will be preserved, and the rites incident and belonging to each be enforced and enjoyed without any disturbance of the harmony of our Order.

"To one subject more, presented in the correspondence submitted to them, and to that only, will your committee at this time direct your attention. It regards a practice that has prevailed to some extent among Lodges, of admitting to membership a brother who at the time was a member of another Lodge. The practice is erroneous, and should be promptly interdicted in this jurisdiction. It is as true in Masonry as elsewhere, that 'no man can serve two masters.' Whenever tried, the impossibility of rendering a divided allegiance perfect in each case, becomes at once apparent. The call of one body may lie in exactly a contrary direction from that of the other, given at the same instance of time. A member of two or more Lodges may be summoned to appear before each Lodge with which he is thus connected, on the same evening. How is he then to fulfill his duties? Which summons should he obey? Out of the very nature of the case, therefore, fairly considered, has arisen the provision contained in the earlier, and, very generally, in the modern Masonic constitutions, that 'no brother shall be a member of more than one Lodge at the same time.'

"The constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire has the provision as follows:

"'No brother shall be a member of more than one subordinate Lodge at the same time.'

"That of Maryland, thus:

"'No Lodge shall admit to membership any brother who is already a member of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.'

"That of Missouri, thus:

"'No brother can be a member of more than one Lodge at the same time.'

"That of Iowa, thus:

"'Each subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction shall *require* every Mason applying for membership therein to present satisfactory evidence to such Lodge that he has taken a regular *demit from the Lodge* of which he had last been a member, or that such Lodge is no longer in existence.'

"That of Wisconsin, thus:

“No brother shall be a member of more than one Lodge.”

“That of Michigan, thus:

“No Mason can be a member of more than one Lodge at the same time.”

“And many others contain a similar provision; but enough has been adduced to show that the rule is general, and, it is believed, to induce its adoption by this Grand Lodge.

“Cognate with this is the rule that every brother should belong to some regular Lodge, and so own allegiance to the Masonic Institution. The Masonic constitutions embody it thus:

“Every brother ought to belong to some regular Lodge, and should always appear therein *properly clothed*; truly subjecting himself to the by-laws and the *general regulations*. He must attend all meetings when duly summoned, unless he can offer to the Master and Wardens such plea of necessity for his absence as the said laws and regulations may admit.

“By the ancient rules and regulations of Masonry, which are generally adopted among the by-laws of every Lodge, no plea was judged sufficient to excuse an absentee, unless he could satisfy the Lodge that he was detained by some *extraordinary and unforeseen necessity*.” But, in another part, the constitutions are yet more definite and stringent. Their provision is that ‘Every Lodge has the right to keep itself an entire body; and, therefore, no number of brethren can withdraw or separate themselves from the Lodge in which they were made, or were afterwards admitted members, unless such Lodge becomes too numerous for working; nor even then, unless they pay all the dues to their Lodge, and give them notice that they intend to apply to the Grand Lodge for a dispensation to separate; in which case, if a dispensation be granted, they must either join themselves to such other Lodge as shall unanimously consent to receive them, or they must obtain a warrant from the Grand Lodge to form themselves into a new Lodge.’

“Hence it appears, that while it is made the duty of every Mason to become a member of some Lodge, no Mason may cease thus to own his allegiance to the Masonic Institution; that he may not withdraw from his Lodge, to be a member of none, but only, either by dispensation or warrant, obtained for the purpose, to form a new Lodge, or, to join ‘such other Lodge as shall unanimously consent to receive him.’ When, therefore, a *demit* is applied for, in any case, the Lodge to which the application is made is to consider the reasons for which it is asked, and to grant it only when they accord with the rule cited. And when granted, this is the true and simple light in which it is to be regarded,—as a *permit from a Lodge to one of its members, to connect himself with another Lodge*. And as regards its bearer, his allegiance becomes changed, when the connection which his *demit* contemplates, has been formed; but until then, it remains unchanged,—he is still *de facto*, a member of the Lodge of whose permit or demit he is the bearer. A contrary practice, with which the by-laws of many Lodges are improperly in harmony, has placed our Masonic Institution, in many parts of this country, in the anomalous position of a mother having children who own her not; of a State having citizens who do not practically recognize their obligations of fealty. It is owing to a forgetfulness of true principle, that the practice to which reference is made exists, and that to-day there are scattered well nigh all our land over, men who have been regularly made Masons, who are unrecognized by any Lodge, and who, in no wise, practically and effectively, own any Lodge, or the claims upon them for love and duty, of the Masonic Institution.

"Several Grand Lodges have nobly set themselves about the correction of this evil. Will not this Grand Lodge co-operate herself, and invite the co-operation of such other Grand Lodges as have not yet taken up the matter, in endeavoring to effect the same? She has once, in effect, so resolved: will she not remember the same, and govern herself accordingly?

"The following statistical table, presenting, as far as your committee have been able to gather them, the number of Lodges in the Union, it is thought may be of some interest in this connection, as showing the general strength and prosperity of the Masonic institution:

" Maine,	has Lodges.....	58
New Hampshire,	" "	20
Massachusetts,	" "	52
Rhode Island,	" "	19
Connecticut,	" "	75
New York,	" "	102
New Jersey,	" " say.....	40
Pennsylvania,	" "	154
Delaware,	" " say.....	8
Maryland,	" "	86
Virginia,	" "	151
District of Columbia,	" " say.....	7
North Carolina,	" "	108
South Carolina,	" " say.....	100
Georgia,	" "	45
Alabama,	" "	50
Florida,	" "	11
Mississippi,	" "	66
Louisiana,	" "	56
Texas,	" "	25
Arkansas,	" "	10
Missouri,	" "	50
Tennessee,	" "	116
Kentucky,	" "	140
Ohio,	" "	130
Indiana,	" "	42
Illinois,	" "	35
Michigan,	" "	9
Iowa,	" "	9
Wisconsin,	" "	8

" Total.....1782

" This number multiplied by twenty, the supposed average number of Masons in each Lodge, will make the number of Masons, in union with Lodges.....35,640

" Add to this, for the Masons who are not in union with Lodges, the number.....10,000

" And we have, as the entire number of Freemasons in this country.....45,640

" Your committee having brought to a conclusion the task assigned them, may be permitted to say, before closing this report, that their object has been to exhibit the position of the several Grand Lodges (whose courtesy, in communi-

cating to this Grand Lodge their proceedings, they have acknowledged), in connection with some one or more topics of general interest and importance. It has not been understood by them to be any part of their duty to magnify this Grand Lodge, or to push its claims or those of its measures to notice and respect, but to select such matters in your correspondence as should seem to require consideration, and submit them under the conditions in which they might be found, and amplified and discussed as to your committee should seem good and proper. While their report is not, therefore, simply statistical, it is hoped that it is not open to the complaint that it does not quite fully reflect the acts of sister Grand Lodges. May the discussion of the several topics noticed in their report not prove unwelcome to this Grand Lodge, or devoid of interest to the Fraternity! If they have said more than was meet in any case, your committee know that your kindness will bear it; if less, that your intelligence will supply their lack. They are happy in the assurance that the wide mantle of Masonic charity is ample as a covert from any displeasure this might occasion, and that it will find for them at your hands, and those of the Fraternity generally, forgiveness for all errors, both in the matter and manner of their report.

"By offering for your adoption the following resolutions having regard to the subjects discussed herein, and imploring the Supreme Grand Master's favor for their work, your committee will conclude:

"I. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge is clearly of the opinion that a distinct avowal of a belief in the divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures, should be required of every one who is admitted to the privileges of Masonry; and that a denial of the same is an offense against the Institution, calling for exemplary discipline.

"II. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, when the deformity of a candidate for initiation is not such as to prevent him from acquiring an honest livelihood, being instructed in the arts and mysteries of Masonry, and working in his Craft, his admission will not be an infringement upon the landmarks, but will be perfectly consistent with the spirit and present speculative character of the Institution.

"III. *Resolved*, That the resolution passed by this Grand Lodge, at a previous communication, requiring, in effect, that no Lodge within this jurisdiction make a man a Mason who may be at the time a citizen of another State, and so within the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, or whose residence is nearer another Lodge in this jurisdiction than that to which he applies, is still in force; and that the rule herein declared be, and is hereby, adopted for the government of the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge.

"IV. *Resolved*, That the territorial limits within which this Grand Lodge claims exclusive, and beyond which, unless it may be in a State or Territory in which no Grand Lodge exists, she neither claims nor will exercise jurisdiction, are those of the civil jurisdiction of the State of Illinois.

"V. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge approves of the formation of a General Grand Lodge, and invites the co-operation of her sister Grand Lodges, by the appointment of delegates, to meet in convention, for the purpose of reporting to the several Grand Lodges a constitution for the government of a General Grand Lodge, so soon as the same may be approved by a majority of the Grand Lodges; and that all former resolutions regarding any convention or conventions of Masons be, and the same are hereby repealed.

"VI. *Resolved*, That the several Lodges within this jurisdiction be, and they are hereby, instructed to transact all business in a Lodge of Masters, except the work and lectures appertaining of necessity to the first and second degrees respectively, which may and must be attended to in a Lodge of E. A. or F. C., as the case may be.

"VII. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that every Mason has the inherent right to vote on the admission of all candidates to our Order, and that the Lodges under this jurisdiction be, and are hereby, instructed to govern themselves in accordance therewith, by at all times allowing all Master Masons

who may be present to vote on the reception of candidates, and that a unanimous ballot in favor of an applicant shall be necessary to his admission.

"VIII. *Resolved*, That whenever a candidate has been rejected by a subordinate Lodge, he shall not be balloted for again in another Lodge; nor in the same within twelve months of such rejection; nor thereafter, unless there be present all who were present at the first balloting, or permission for such second balloting have been first obtained from the Grand Master.

"IX. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will conform to and abide by the ancient rules and regulations of the Fraternity, in all cases wherein the change in the character of the Institution from 'operative and speculative' to 'speculative only' has not indicated the propriety or necessity of a departure therefrom, and will discountenance all innovation upon and rebellion against the real 'landmarks' of the Order.

"X. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge deems it inexpedient, at the present time, to adopt the so-called 'representative system.'

"XI. *Resolved*, That within this jurisdiction an expulsion or suspension by an Encampment or Chapter shall be deemed to carry with it an expulsion or suspension, as the case may be, from the Masonic Institution, unless its decision be repealed by the tribunal passing the sentence.

"XII. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of every Mason to belong to some Lodge, but that no Mason may belong to two Lodges at one and the same time, but that it is his duty regularly to withdraw from the Lodge to which he belongs before he makes application for membership in another, and that a certificate of the Secretary of such Lodge, certifying such withdrawal, shall accompany the application, or it shall not be received.

"XIII. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge has great pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a beautiful copy of eloquent 'Masonic addresses, by P. G. M. Joseph R. Chandler,' from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, through her Grand Secretary, and that information of the same, with thanks for such distinguished politeness and favor, be communicated to that grand body by the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

"All of which is respectfully submitted,

"W. F. WALKER,
JOHN B. CRANDALL, } *Committee.*
LEVI LUSK.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges submitted an additional report, as follows:

"The Committee on Returns and Work of Lodges Under Charter, to whom was referred the resolution in relation to Warsaw Lodge No. 21, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, that as Warsaw Lodge has failed to make her regular returns to this Grand Lodge, the committee are unable to get positive information on the subject, and ask leave to offer the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That all Lodges under this jurisdiction that have failed to make their annual report, be notified that unless they report by the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge, they shall be deemed to have forfeited their charters; and that the Grand Secretary is hereby ordered, in case of such failure, to demand the same, together with all furniture, books, and papers belonging to said Lodges.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"Z. P. CABANIS,
WILLIAM S. HURST. } *Committee.*

The report being adopted, the following was, upon motion of Bro. Ralston (1), adopted:

"Resolved, That a select committee of two be appointed to apply to Warsaw Lodge No. 21 for its returns, to examine the same upon the points usually investigated by the Committee upon Returns and Work of Lodges Under Charter; also to ascertain, by any means in their power, whether said Lodge has conferred any of the degrees upon any person or persons while under indictment, and to report to the M. W. Grand Master, who shall, at his direction, suspend the charter of said Lodge till the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge."

Breth. Lusk (9), and Holton (1), were appointed said committee.

Bro. John Gregory was allowed two dollars per day for his services.

An account for printing circulars and blanks for use of the officers, was laid upon the table.

The M. W. Grand Master was invested with full power in regard to the Lodge at Ottawa.

A vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Lusk for the efficient manner in which the duties of his office had been discharged.

The Grand Secretary was directed to transcribe the proceedings, and forward the same to the Grand Master, to be published under his supervision.

It was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to settle with the Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

Bro. Dickson, Deputy Grand Secretary, made his report as follows :

"A. C. DICKSON, *Grand Secretary, p. t.*,

in account with the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

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Date.	Names and Nos. of Lodges.	G. L. Dues.	G. C. Fund.	Total.	Grand Total.
1844	Temperance Lodge No. 16	\$9 00	\$4 50	\$13 50	
"	Jefferson " " U. D.	5 00	2 50	7 50	
"	Morning Star " "	3 50	1 75	5 25	
1845	Bodley " " No. 1.	14 50	7 25	21 75	
"	Harmony " " 3.	17 00	8 50	25 50	
"	Springfield " " 4.	20 50	10 25	30 75	
"	Macon " " 8.	11 50	5 75	17 25	
"	Rushville " " 9.	10 50	5 25	15 75	
"	Joliet " " 10.	7 84	3 91	11 75	
"	Warren " " 14.	14 00	7 00	21 00	
"	Peoria " " 15.	13 50	6 75	20 25	
"	Temperance " " 16.	6 50	3 25	9 75	
"	Macomb " " 17.	5 50	2 75	8 25	
"	LaFayette " " 18.	35 84	12 91	48 75	
"	Clinton " " 19.	11 00	5 50	16 50	
"	Cass " " 23.	8 00	4 00	12 00	
"	Franklin " " 25.	6 00	3 00	9 00	
"	Hiram " " 26.	9 50	4 75	14 25	
"	Piasa " " 27.	10 50	5 25	15 75	
"	Monroe " " 28.	7 00	3 50	10 50	
"	Pekin " " 29.	10 00	5 00	15 00	
"	Morning Star " " 30.	11 50	5 75	17 25	
"	Mount Vernon " " 31.	9 00	4 50	13 50	
"	Apollo " " 32.	12 50	6 25	18 75	
"	Oriental " " 33.	5 50	2 75	8 25	
"	Barry " " 34.	4 50	2 25	6 75	
"	Charleston " " 35.	3 33	1 66	4 99	\$419 49

Names and Nos. of Lodges.	Where Situated.	Am't rec'd for Charters.	
Morning Star Lodge No. 30..	Canton	\$3 00	
Mount Vernon " " 31..	Mount Vernon.....	9 00	
Apollo " " 32..	City of Chicago.....	9 00	
Oriental " " 33..	" "	9 00	
Barry " " 34..	Barry.....	7 00	37 00
Amount received for Grand Lodge Certificates.			
Franklin Lodge No. 25.....	Alton.....	\$3 50	
Piasa " "	"	3 00	
Clinton " "	Petersburg.....	3 00	9 50
			\$465 99

" CONTRA.

" By Grand Secretary's fees for issuing charters to three Lodges.....	\$6 00
" Stationery furnished for use of Grand Lodge.....	3 00
" Amount of balance in my hands.....	456 99
	\$465 99

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"A. C. DICKSON, *Grand Secretary, p. t.*

"JACKSONVILLE, October 8th, 1845."

The Committee on Finance reported the account of the Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*, correct, which report was adopted. Following this is the receipt of the Grand Treasurer for the amount of \$457.

Notwithstanding this report of the committee as to the correctness of the report, the following foot note by Grand Master Walker, is appended to the page:

"Why the amount of \$18.75 (\$12.50 as Grand Lodge dues, and \$6.25 for the Grand Charity Fund), paid for and by St. John's Lodge No. 13, at Peru; and \$10 paid for and by Friendship Lodge No. 7, at Dixon, its dues in part only, do not appear in this account, is not stated, nor, as may be seen, do the Committee on Finance and Accounts, who examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary, *p. t.*, explain the omission.—*G. Master.*"

The Grand Master was authorized to appoint all committees provided for in the proceedings that had not been filled.

The Grand Lodge, having directed five hundred copies of the proceedings to be printed and distributed, was closed.

Following the proceedings of this year are Appendices, A, which includes the returns of the constituent Lodges; B, constitution and by-laws; C, resolutions in force; D, tabular statement; E, a brief history of the Grand Lodge from its organization, which we would present but for its unreliability; F, form of return for constituent Lodges; G, forms and interrogatories, the latter of which we here present:

"Interrogatories to be affirmatively answered by a candidate, in an adjoining apartment, previous to his initiation.

"I. Do you seriously declare, upon your honor, before these gentlemen,* that you have never made application to any other Lodge for admission into the Masonic Institution?†

"II. Do you, upon your honor, before these gentlemen, distinctly avow your belief in the Divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures?‡

"III. Do you seriously declare, upon your honor, before these gentlemen, that unbiassed by friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, you freely offer yourself a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry?

"IV. Do you seriously declare, upon your honor, before these gentlemen, that you are prompted to solicit the privileges of Masonry by a favorable opinion conceived of the Institution, a desire of knowledge, and a sincere wish of being serviceable to your fellow creatures?

"V. Do you seriously declare, upon your honor, before these gentlemen, that you will cheerfully conform to all the ancient established usages and customs of the Fraternity?

H, a list of the Grand Lodges of the United States, with the address of the Grand Secretaries of the same; I, a list of suspensions, etc., as reported by the several Grand Lodges.

All this is followed up by a circular letter of the Grand Master, which is entirely too lengthy to be here given, except that portion which contains his reply to the circular letter of Harmony Lodge, which will be given in another place.

BODLEY LODGE NO. 1.

Two brethren were raised by this Lodge during the year 1845, viz.: Charles Albright, June 9; Caspar Ruoff, Dec. 1.

March 9, the Lodge attended the funeral of Bro. Louis Bigwood, who was buried with the customary ceremonies. April 28, Breth. Ralston and Crockett were appointed a committee to procure the services of Bro. Carnegie, of Missouri, to teach the Lodge the work adopted by the Baltimore Convention, which committee reported May 5th, that Bro. Carnegie had gone South, whereupon the committee was directed to correspond with "Bro. Singleton, of St. Louis." June 2, a petition for a Lodge at Barry, Pike county, was recommended. June 6, the Lodge buried the remains of Bro. Randal King, hailing from Graham Lodge No. 20, Republic of Texas, who "died on board the steamboat Boreas, June 4, 11 o'clock P. M.;" and on the evening of the same day buried the remains of Bro. Abraham Funk. July 5, the Lodge joined with the citizens in a funeral procession commemorative of the death of Andrew Jackson. The record also shows that the Lodge assembled on the evening of the day previous, to make arrangements for the funeral of Bro.

* The Stewards of the Lodge are usually present.

† This question is rendered necessary by resolution VIII, page 57.

‡ This question is rendered necessary by resolution I, page 57.

James Rossell, but no evidence of the Lodge participating in such funeral is on record. Aug. 21, a committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the purpose of building a hall, but no decisive steps appear to have been taken in the matter. Sept. 1, the petition for Herman Lodge was recommended. At this last meeting, the delegate to the Grand Lodge was instructed to use his influence in inducing the Grand Lodge to hold its meetings "at various places." A case of charity presented to the Lodge was promptly acted on. Dec. 26, officers for the ensuing year were elected, viz.: James H. Luce, W. M.; John Crockett, S. W.; Q. L. Barton, J. W.; Enoch Conyers, Treas.; Louis Watson, Sec.; Harrison Dills and O. C. Skinner were appointed Deacons; and W. C. S. Smith, Tyler.

EQUALITY LODGE NO. 2.

This Lodge held no meetings from September, 1844, to the 24th June, 1845. No work was done, and there is nothing to merit especial mention on the records, with two exceptions. As was the case with almost all, if not quite all the Lodges in the State, the day upon which the Lodge received the intelligence of the death of Andrew Jackson was observed as a day of sorrow. June 24, the following officers were elected: A. W. Pool, W. M.; T. G. S. Herod, S. W.; J. W. Hamilton, J. W.; Jos. E. Watkins, Sec.; William Siddall, Treas.; John M. Burnett and Joshua Bradley, Deacons; John Howard, Tyler. No meetings were held in September, October, November, and December, 1845.

HARMONY LODGE NO. 3.

The records of this Lodge placed in our possession commence June 28, 1845. From this time to the close of the year, no work in the second or third degrees was done. On the 28th June, resolutions expressive of "sincere pain and regret" were passed regarding the death of Andrew Jackson. The records of the Lodge from this time until the meeting of Dec. 2, show nothing worthy of especial mention, and as it is not our intention to reveal the transactions of any Lodge in regard to matters of trials, we will pass over a great deal of that kind of matter that appears in the record before us. On the 2d of December the resolutions of Harmony Lodge which culminated in the adoption of sections 81 and 82 of our by-laws, were introduced, referred, and adopted. As it is our intention to make this matter the foundation for a separate and distinct chapter, we will not present them here.

SPRINGFIELD LODGE NO. 4.

This Lodge conferred the Master's degree during 1845, as follows: John S. Vredenburg, John P. Richmond, J. H. Adams, Jan. 4; William C.

Murphy, William A. Denning, and Thos. H. Campbell, Jan. 11; A. J. Kain, Jan. 16; J. W. Barrett, Jan. 20; Dudley Wickersham, Feb. 17; Louis Watson and James M. Maxcy, Mar. 26; John Van Horn, May 7; D. Logan, William A. Dickey, and Josiah Francis, June 24.

Jan. 4, the Lodge resolved to celebrate the 22d February, and on the 11th January Breth. Robinson, J. H. Matheny, McNeill, Frazer, and Doyle were appointed a committee of arrangements for the same. Feb. 1, the Lodge being desirous of purchasing the building known as the "Seminary," appointed Breth. McNeill, J. H. Matheny, and Garland a committee to confer with Springfield Chapter R. A. M., on the subject. The 22d of February was duly celebrated. The oration on this occasion was delivered by Bro. J. A. McDougal. March 11, the committee on the celebration reported a balance in their hands of \$2.52, which was "paid to the widow's fund." July 12, the Lodge joined with the citizens in a funeral procession commemorative of the decease of Andrew Jackson. The oration on this occasion was delivered by Edward D. Baker.

Dec. 1, the following officers were elected: Wm. Lavelly, W. M.; Geo. R. Weber, S. W.; John Uhler, J. W.; A. R. Robinson, Sec.; Maurice Doyle, Treas.; F. A. McNeil, Master of Ceremonies; James Leggott, Tyler.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 7.

This Lodge raised two brethren during this year, viz.: Austin L. Bull, Jan. 23; J. B. Cheney, Nov. 13.

June 19, the following officers were elected: James Campbell, W. M.; John B. Nash, S. W.; Charles T. Chase, J. W.; Nathan Morehouse, Treasurer; Lorenzo Wood, Secretary; Austin L. Bull and Legrand Wynkoop, Deacons; Joseph Mason, Tyler.

At the second meeting in December (no date given), the resolutions of Harmony Lodge, concerning the admission of *negroes* in certain Chicago Lodges, were received and referred.

MACON LODGE NO. 8.

Champion D. Butler (April 19) was the only brother raised by this Lodge during 1845.

The Finance Committee reported that on March 21st there was \$6.62 in the treasury. June 24, Bro. Prather presented certain resolutions relating to the death of Andrew Jackson, which were referred to a committee of three. The resolutions do not appear on the record, nor is there any evidence that the committee ever reported. August 2, the Lodge declined to recommend a petition signed by six Masons, residents of Charleston, Coles county, until a seventh name had been added, and cited to them as authority, "Cross' Chart, page 58." August 11, the seventh name having been added, the petition was recommended. Sept.

13, the Lodge declined sending a delegate to the Grand Lodge, unless such delegate would bear his own expenses. Sept. 26, the delegate to the Grand Lodge was directed to vote, as to the place of holding the Grand Lodge, first for Springfield, second, Peoria, and third, Decatur.

Nov. 22, the following officers were elected: Henry Prather, W. M.; J. Y. Braden, S. W.; E. D. Carter, J. W.; Henry Hummell, Treas.; W. T. Stamper, Sec'y; George Goodman, Tyler. There is no record of any appointments.

RUSHVILLE LODGE NO. 9.

The return of this Lodge to the Grand Lodge of 1845, is as follows:

"Jas. L. Anderson, W. M.; John Todhunter, S. W.; Adams Dunlap, J. W.; James McCroskey, Treas.; Hart Fellows, Sec.; John B. Seeley, S. D.; John Blackford, J. D.; Thos. I. Garrett, Tyler.

"*Past Masters*.—Levi Lusk, James L. Anderson, William A. Richardson, Hart Fellows.

"*Master Masons*.—William Davis, Henry Murray, George Edger, James H. Chick, William Edger, Lewis Horton, Marshal Smith, Peter C. Vance, Alexander Brazleton, Rensselaer Wells, Josiah Parrott, Columbus E. Cook, Andrew LaCroix.

"*Fellow Crafts*.—Joseph Montgomery, W. H. Crawford, Isaac Ewing, Isaac Greer. Nine Entered Apprentices, one rejected, one suspended, and one expelled, were reported; also, Samuel M. Hatten, died April 3, 1845; Abner McDowell, died May 9, 1845."

JOLIET LODGE NO. 10.

The last return this Lodge made as No. 10, is as follows:

Normand Hawley, W. M.; Joel George, S. W.; William E. Little, J. W.; James Brodie, Treas.; N. L. Hawley, Sec.; Jared Runyon, S. D.; Thomas J. Kinney, J. D.; R. G. Cook, Tyler.

"*Master Masons*.—Joel A. Matteson, David L. Gregg, H. G. Brown, H. Blanchard.

After the close of the Grand Lodge, the charter of No. 10 was annulled until the annual communication of 1846, and a dispensation issued to W. E. Little, as W. M.; Myron K. Brownson, S. W.; and Joel George, J. W., and several others, to form and open a Lodge at Joliet, as "Mount Joliet," now No. 42.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 13.

This Lodge raised the following brethren during 1845: J. B. Lovett, May 15; L. Oppenheimer, S. Oppenheimer, and R. Oppenheimer, March 19.

Feb. 17, Bro. Warren Brown entered the following protest:

"That the Lodge, in refusing to admit visiting brethren, when vouched for by brethren present, who are members of this Lodge, as was done at this meeting, on the ground that the brother vouching, had never sat in a Lodge with said visiting brethren, and that the Lodge requiring, instead thereof, a committee to be appointed in such cases to examine said visiting brethren, was unmasonic and contrary to ancient usage."

This goes to show that the question of avouchment was as little understood as at the present day. Bro. Brown also protested against the advancement of candidates until they had manifested suitable proficiency in the degrees already received. March 19, the Lodge being opened on the F. C. degree, an Entered Apprentice was balloted for to receive the second degree, and was rejected, and his fee ordered returned. Immediately thereafter, the Lodge was opened on the Master's degree, and the same E. A. again balloted for, elected, and passed.

June 19, the following officers were elected: Luther Woodward, W. M.; T. B. Elliott, S. W.; J. Baxley, J. W.; Wm. Paul, Sec.; J. R. Merritt, Treas.; T. W. Hennessey and Wm. J. Cox, Deacons; J. R. Merritt and D. W. Baker, Stewards; A. Kirkpatrick, Tyler. July 17, Bro. T. J. Wade was affiliated. Dec. 5, John Barney lectured the Lodge, continuing with the Lodge until Dec. 12.

WARREN LODGE NO. 14.

W. S. West (Oct. 18) was the only brother raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by this Lodge during 1845.

February 22, the elections were changed from annual to semi-annual.

March 29, two brethren were brought before the Lodge, and called to answer, the one for having made unmasonic allusions to the other in stump speeches, the other for retorting through the columns of a newspaper. Both having made suitable acknowledgments, the matter was dropped.

May 24, an invitation from Paducah Lodge No. 127, inviting No. 14 to join with them in celebrating St. John's Day, was received, which was fraternally declined, as the Lodge was under a previous engagement with Equality Lodge. The semi-annual election resulted as follows:

Edgar Bogardus, W. M.; George Darrah, S. W.; H. H. M. Butt, J. W.; John L. Campbell, Treas.; J. E. Rearden, Sec.; J. M. Jones and E. J. Nicholson, Deacons; the election of Tyler being postponed.

June 21st, the following was adopted:

"Resolved, That the members of this Lodge wear crape on the left arm for the term of 30 days, as a badge of respect due our well beloved and lately deceased brother, Andrew Jackson."

July 12th, a "funeral procession" was formed and marched through the principal streets, as a token of respect to the memory of Andrew Jackson. On the return of the Lodge to its room, thanks were returned

to the "Mt. Vernon (Ind.) Band of Musicians," Shawnee Lodge of I. O. O. F., the ladies, and the "citizens generally," for their kindness and attendance upon the occasion.

Sept. 23, the delegate to the Grand Lodge was directed to vote "for the Grand Lodge to remain at Jacksonville." The next choice of the Lodge was Alton.

Dec. 27, semi-annual election. E. R. Roe was elected W. M.; C. Gold, S. W.; E. J. Nicholson, J. W.; J. L. Campbell, Treas.; J. E. Rearden, Sec.; George Darrah and H. H. M. Butt, Deacons, and the latter Steward; E. Bogardus, Tyler—Bro. Bogardus thus descending from the highest to the lowest office in the Lodge.

PEORIA LODGE NO. 15.

This Lodge reported but two raisings this year, viz.: Sylvanus Moore, March 22; — Comstock, June 23.

At the regular meeting in December, 1844, Bro. Geo. T. Metcalfe was elected W. M., but declined to serve, his note conveying the declination being dated Jan. 7, 1845.

Jan. 9, the Lodge held a meeting to fill the vacancy, when Bro. Peter Sweat was elected.

April 25, relief was extended to a brother hailing from Ancient Land-Mark Lodge No. 17, Portland, Maine.

May 17, permission was granted Bro. James C. Stewart, a visiting brother, to bury his son in the Masonic cemetery.

TEMPERANCE LODGE NO. 16.

This Lodge raised but one brother during the year, viz.: David D. McKee, Feb. 16.

Jan. 13, Bro. H. C. Remann was elected S. W., to fill vacancy caused by the promotion of Bro. C. H. Hodge, whom the Lodge declared W. M. *vice* Bro. Alexander, deceased.

May 12, the Lodge appointed Breth. C. H. Hodge and Gorin a committee to report upon the expediency of "compelling" all non-affiliated Masons to "join the Lodge."

June 9, this committee asked to be discharged, which was done. At this meeting the following officers were elected "*viva voce*": H. C. Remann, W. M.; W. M. Black, S. W.; D. D. McKee, J. W.; J. T. B. Stapp, Treas.; Jeremiah Abbott, Sec.; Asahel Lee and John D. Gorin, Deacons; A. Johnston, Tyler. Bro. Moses Phillips, who had been Tyler from the organization of the Lodge in 1839, was at this meeting dropped from among the list of officers.

Sept. 23, the delegate to the Grand Lodge was directed to vote for the removal of the Grand Lodge from Jacksonville to Springfield. The Lodge held no meetings in October, November, and December.

MACOMB LODGE NO. 17.

This Lodge did no work during the year 1845.

February 5, the remains of Bro. Geo. H. Rice were buried with the usual ceremonies, and on April 27 the same rites were observed as to the remains of Bro. C. M. Bartleson.

June 23, semi-annual election: William Ervin, W. M.; Jos. E. Wyne, S. W.; William T. Head, J. W.; P. H. Walker, Sec.; Cyrus A. Lawson, Treas.; John Anderson, Steward and Tyler.

Dec. 26, the second election was held, resulting as follows: Thomas A. Brooking was elected W. M.; William T. Head, S. W.; P. H. Walker, J. W.; C. A. Lawson, Treas.; William Ervin, Sec.; Rezin Naylor, Steward and Tyler.

LAFAYETTE LODGE NO. 18.

The records of this Lodge from December, 1844, to the year 1852, are not in our possession. We must, therefore, be content with its returns to the Grand Lodge and such other information as we may glean outside. The return for 1845 is here given:

"Carding Jackson, W. M.; M. Taylor, S. W.; Hart L. Stewart, J. W.; H. W. Bigelow, Treas; C. G. Wicker, Sec.; Isaac P. Hatfield, S. D.; Thomas Brooks, J. D.; B. Horton and J. L. Thompson, Stewards; N. Christy, Tyler.

"R. J. Hamilton and Henry Brown, P. M.

"*Master Masons*.—William Harmon, Isaac Haight, James Averill, G. B. Fearing, Samuel McKay, James McGuire, N. F. Butler, Samuel Aikins, A. Garrett, Leonard Falch, Francis Edwards, J. J. Jackson, L. C. Kercheval, Lot Whitcomb, John Ferns, Abraham Kohn, William Jackson, John Davis, James Campbell, F. A. Howe, R. T. McMahon, John Blackstone, Joseph Atkinson, Heman Hatch, J. F. Colby, W. B. Snowhook, A. Getzler, M. L. Knapp, J. Y. Sanger, D. J. Surdam, V. H. Eachus, J. W. Dunlap, Levi Rosenfelt, William Lock, Daniel Lyons, V. A. Boyer, W. B. Smith, Martin Dodge, J. H. Sullivan, D. S. Cady, Joseph Filkins, Scott Benedict, Mathew McIlvaine, G. Wetherbee, N. W. Watson, S. J. Huntley, S. J. Surdam, B. Neichman, Joshua Bell, J. L. Howe, S. J. Lowe, Jacob Rosenburg, J. A. W. Donahoo, Frederick Weis, W. H. Dobson, Isaac N. Arnold, George Chacksfield.

"*Died*.—Theophilus W. Smith, May 6, 1845; Andrew Simpson, Sept. 8."

CLINTON LODGE NO. 19.

The return of this Lodge for 1845, is as follows:

"David McMurphy, W. M.; John McNeal, S. W.; Chas. B. Waldo, J. W.; Jacob West, Treas.; Nathan Dresser, Sec.; Thos. L. Harris and Chas. G. Brooks, Deacons; Aaron B. White, Tyler.

"John Bennett, P. M.

"*Members.*—Lewis B. Wynn, Wm. B. Kirk, A. A. Rankin, Lewis Salzenstein, Asa D. Wright, John Bennett, M. S. Morris, John Allen, Samuel Smith, Julius Oppenheimer, John B. Broadwell, James Short, Robert C. Scott, Henry Shepherd."

HANCOCK LODGE NO. 20.

This Lodge made no returns in 1845.

WARSAW LODGE NO. 21.

This Lodge, during the year 1845, raised as follows:

W. W. Chittenden and L. Prentice, Jan. 22; J. W. Aldrich, Jan. 23; J. Aldrich and C. Cole, Jan. 24; — Hay, E. F. Chittenden, and S. W. Brown, Jan. 27; D. Linsley, Jan. 28; Robert Miller and J. M. Charles, Feb. 18; George Rockwell and H. Comstock, Feb. 19; John Scott, March 4; Levi Williams, March 17; S. Warner and J. Mussellman, March 19; Charles C. Stephens, Sept. 8; J. Galloway, Dec. 8.

June 24, annual election: M. Aldrich was elected W. M.; W. H. Roosevelt, S. W.; Robert Miller, J. W.; Georgs Rockwell, Treas.; E. F. Chittenden, Sec.; J. W. Aldrich and S. W. Brown, Deacons; John Scott and C. Cole, Stewards; German Andrews, Tyler.

Sept. 8, Bro. John Montague was appointed delegate to the Grand Lodge, and directed to vote for Jacksonville, as the place of holding the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and to vote for an appropriation from the Grand Lodge to each subordinate Lodge for the support of common schools.

MILWAUKEE LODGE NO. 22.

This Lodge made no returns for the year 1845.

CASS LODGE NO. 23.

James McKeever, June 23; John B. Taylor and Richard F. Kippinburg, Aug. 1; George Moore, Sept. 3; C. Sprague, Nov. 18; — Newman, Dec. 27, were raised during this year. Breth. John McKeown and V. A. Turpin, *appear* to have been raised, but no record of the fact appears.

At the raising of Bro. McKeever, Bro. Lusk presided, with Bro. Anderson as Senior Deacon. No meetings were held by the Lodge between August 27, 1844, and Feb. 20, 1845. At the latter meeting, the following officers were elected: P. Underwood, Jr., W. M.; Geo. B. Thompson, S. W.; Thomas Eyre, J. W.; James Knowles, Treas.; Wm. J. DeHaven, Sec. Bro. Lusk presided at every meeting of the Lodge save two, during the year, and was undoubtedly the means of its still continuing to work.

ST. CLAIR LODGE NO. 24.

This Lodge reported the following raisings during 1845: Augustus Warner, April 22; N. Huley, May 1; Wm. M. Parker, May 5; John G. Sparks, May —; F. Powers, May 20; J. N. Banks, July 29.

Feb. 17, the Lodge, "at his especial request, made before his death," buried the remains of Bro. Charles Cummins. May 5, a gold medal, belonging to "Bro. Goings, left in pledge with Mr. Mitchell," was redeemed by the Lodge, and ordered forwarded to the owner.

June 19, the following officers were elected: T. Hinckley, W. M.; C. G. Y. Taylor, S. W.; Geo. Kelly, J. W.; Julius Raith, S. D.; John Mace, J. D.; Alex. Reany, Sec.; Wm. M. Parker, Treas.; David Wilver, Tyler; G. W. Hook, Marshall.

Sept. 23, the delegate to the Grand Lodge was directed to vote, as the place of holding the Grand Lodge, first, for Jacksonville; second, Quincy; third, Springfield.

Dec. 9, the second election of the year took place, resulting as follows; Alex. Reany was elected W. M.; T. Hinckley, S. W.; George Kelly, J. W.; C. G. Y. Taylor, Sec.; W. G. Goforth, Treas.; Julius Raith, S. D.; Wm. M. Parker, J. D.; David Wilver, Tyler; G. W. Hook, Marshal.

FRANKLIN LODGE NO. 25.

The first return of this Lodge to the Grand Lodge was made in 1844, and, as before stated, the returns are all the information we are able to give concerning this Lodge. The return for 1845 is as follows:

"Charles Howard, W. M.; Harvey S. Summers, S. W.; John Higham, J. W.; George Lebold, Treas.; John Bostwick, Sec.; D. F. Wendell and George Willis, Deacons; D. M. Kittinger, Tyler; John Higham, P. M.

"*Members.*—Luther W. Lyons, Jacob Rader, Caleb K. Burgoyne, Elihu Pembroke."

HIRAM LODGE NO. 26.

The records of this Lodge for the year 1844 are lost, as is a portion of 1845. The record before us commences with the 17th of July, 1845.

But one brother was raised during 1845, as far as the record before us shows, viz.: Samuel G. Dean, Nov. 8.

PIASA LODGE NO. 27.

This Lodge raised the following brethren during 1845: Geo. T. Brown, Feb. 8; Charles Cook, Feb. 14; J. A. J. Blair, Mar. 8; Peter Overdear, April 1; J. A. Prickett, June 20; B. E. Edwards, Aug. 26.

Mar. 25, the Treasurer resigned, and on the 11th April the Master followed suit, whereupon the following resolutions were passed:

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Lodge are due to Bro. David Allen, our last Worshipful Master, for the impartiality, constancy, and dignity, with which he has presided over us, and for the prudent zeal he has ever manifested in our prosperity.

"Resolved, That while we regret the removal of our late W. M. from our city, we feel great pleasure in the assurance established by his residence with us, that wherever he may go, he will carry the heart and soul of a Mason, worthy of the fullest confidence of every member of the Fraternity.

April 22, the following election was held: Timothy Souther, W. M.; J. W. Schweppe, S. W.; J. E. Ketcham, J. W.; Geo. T. Brown, Sec.; I. Hardy, Treas. June 20, the Secretary resigned, and Bro. L. F. Morin was elected to fill the vacancy. These instances of resignation are here noted to show that the *right* of an officer of a constituent Lodge, however much doubted or denied in these latter days, was, as late as 1845, and later, for that matter, fully recognized. Dec. 20, the second election of the year was held, resulting in the election of T. Souther, W. M.; J. W. Schweppe, S. W.; J. C. Ketcham, J. W.; Charles Cook, Treas.; N. G. Edwards, Sec.; and the following appointments: Geo. T. Brown and A. Watson, Deacons; I. Hardy, Tyler.

The thanks of the Lodge were then voted Bro. Souther, and eight dollars voted as a compensation for his services as Master.

As we are in daily expectation of the receipt of the records of the following Lodges, Nos. 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, and 35, we will defer mention of them until they shall have been received.

OCCIDENTAL LODGE, U. D., AT OTTAWA.

The dispensation for this Lodge was granted by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in 1838. The Lodge took no part in the formation of the Grand Lodge, nor had it a representative there until 1846. What the Lodge was, from the time the Grand Lodge of Kentucky surrendered control over the same until its formal recognition by our Grand Lodge, we can not say, as the record before us dates from Nov. 28, 1845.

John D. Caton and M. H. Swift were raised Dec. 11, John Barney presiding, as he also did Nov. 29, when the above brethren and Bro. Leland were passed.

Mount Moriah, Clinton, and Marion Lodges made no returns to the Grand Lodge of Missouri for the year 1845.

CHAPTER XIX.

1846.

GRAND LODGE.

The Seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the city of Peoria, commencing Monday, Oct. 5, 1846. The following grand officers were present :

"NELSON D. MORSE, Dep. Gr. Master, and Grand Master, *p. t.*
WILLIAM LAVELY, Sr. Gr. Warden, *p. t.*
HARRISON DILLS, Jr. Gr. Warden, *p. t.*
Rev. CHARLES HOWARD, Gr. Chaplain, *p. t.*
JAMES L. ANDERSON, Gr. Treasurer.
LEVI LUSK, Gr. Secretary, and P. G. M.
TIMOTHY SOUTHER, Sr. G. Deacon. *p. t.*
ADAM BREWER, Jr. Gr. Deacon, *p. t.*
JOHN BARNEY, Gr. Lecturer.
JOHN C. HEYL, } Gr. Stewards.
SAMUEL H. DAVIS, }
RICHARD F. KIPPINBURG, Gr. Pursuivant.
FREDERICK SEMELROTH, Gr. Tyler, *p. t.*

" REPRESENTATIVES :

"James H. Luce, W. M.,	Bodley, No. 1.
Harrison Dills, <i>proxy</i> , S. W.,	" "
William W. Happy, W. M.,	Harmony, No. 3.
William Lavelly, W. M.,	Springfield, No. 4.
A. R. Robinson, <i>proxy</i> , S. W.,	" "
James H. Matheny, <i>proxy</i> , J. W.,	" "
James L. Anderson, <i>proxy</i> , W. M.,	Rushville, No. 9.
Levi Lusk, <i>proxy</i> , J. W.,	" "
William Mitchell, W. M.,	Peoria, No. 15.
Frederick Semelroth, <i>proxy</i> , S. W.,	" "
William Darst, J. W.,	" "
Carding Jackson, W. M.,	LaFayette, No. 18.
William Lavelly, <i>proxy</i> , W. M.,	Clinton, No. 19.
James H. Luce, <i>proxy</i> , W. M.,	Warsaw, No. 21.

"Richard F. Kippinburg, W. M.,	Cass, No. 23.
George Moore, <i>proxy</i> , J. W.,	" "
Charles Howard, W. M.,	Franklin, No. 25.
William McMurtry, W. M.,	Hiram, No. 26.
Timothy Souther, W. M.,	Piasa, No. 27.
John Bailhache, <i>proxy</i> , S. W.,	" "
Levi Lusk, <i>proxy</i> , W. M.,	Monroe, No. 28.
Adam Brewer, W. M.,	Morning Star, No. 30.
George Wike, J. W.,	Barry, No. 34.
Levi Lusk, <i>proxy</i> , W. M.,	Charleston, No. 35.
A. C. Dickson, <i>proxy</i> , S. W.,	" "
Josiah Riley, <i>proxy</i> , W. M.,	Kavanaugh, U. D.
Daniel McNeil, <i>proxy</i> , W. M.,	Monmouth, U. D.
William E. Russell, <i>proxy</i> , W. M.,	Olive Branch, U. D.
Levi Lusk, <i>proxy</i> , W. M.,	Herman, U. D.
Bro. Peter Sweat, Past Master,	No. 15.

"VISITORS :

"S. DeWitt Drown,	Peoria, No. 15.
E. Andrew,	" "
Stephen A. Douglas,	Springfield, No. 4.
Philo Beers,	" "
James Price,	Hiram, No. 26.
I. Hill,	Cass, No. 23.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *due* form.

The reading of the minutes having been dispensed with, the Grand Master *pro tem.* reported *verbally* as follows :

"BRETHREN:—I am not prepared to give you any information of interest upon the prospects of our Ancient Institution abroad, or even under our own jurisdiction, further than that from verbal report, I have learned that the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge are prosperous and flourishing. Since my arrival at this place, I have been informed that it is probable that our M. W. Grand Master Walker is detained from meeting with us by sickness in his family. I hope he will forward to this Grand Lodge a report of his actings and doings, which, if received, will with great pleasure be laid before you for consideration."

He then announced the following standing committees :

On Returns and Work of Chartered Lodges.—Breth. Mitchell (15), McMurtry (26), and Jackson (18).

On Returns and Work of Lodges Under Dispensation.—Breth. Happy (3), Dills (1), and Robinson (4).

On Petitions and Grievances.—Breth. Anderson (9), Lavelly (4), and Happy (3).

On Finance and Accounts.—Breth. Souther (27), Brewer (30), and Russell (Olive Branch U. D.).

On Foreign Correspondence.—Breth. Lusk (9), Luce (1), and Matheny (4).

To Examine Visiting Brethren.—Breth. Heyl and Davis (both 15).

The following communication was received from Bro. Dickson :

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and Brethren :

"The undersigned would respectfully represent to this Grand Lodge, that he feel that great injustice has been done him by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, William F. Walker, in a note appended to the account current of the undersigned, as Grand Secretary *pro tem.*, for 1846, respecting \$18.75, Grand Lodge dues and Grand Charity Fund for St. John's Lodge No. 13, and also \$10 from Friendship No. 7. He would therefore petition that a committee be appointed to inquire into the facts in the case, and report the same to the Grand Lodge at this session.

The petition for a committee was granted, and the matter referred to Breth. Anderson, Howard, and Dills.

The following resolutions of Bodley Lodge were presented by Bro. Dills, and made the special order for the evening session :

"Resolved, That our delegate to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, at its session on the first Monday of October next, be instructed to use his influence to have Resolution No. 1, on page 57, of printed proceedings for the year 1845, rescinded.

"Resolved, That he be instructed to use his influence to have Resolution No. 7 rescinded.

"Resolved, That he be instructed to use his influence to have Resolution No. 11 on page 58, of printed proceedings, rescinded.

"Resolved, That he be instructed to use his influence to have the resolution on the bottom of page 13, of printed proceedings, rescinded, and that a ballot be had in every degree.

The resolution provided for one ballot for the three degrees.

"Resolved, That every Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, should be required to return the names of all Master Masons in regular standing under its jurisdiction, to the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

The resolutions referred to, were as follows :

No. 1. *"Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge is clearly of the opinion that a distinct avowal of a belief in the divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures should be required of every one who is admitted to the privileges of Masonry ; and that a denial of the same is an offence against the Institution calling for exemplary discipline.

No. 7. *"Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that every Master Mason has the inherent right to vote on the admission of all candidates to our Order ; and that the Lodges under this jurisdiction, be, and are hereby instructed to govern themselves in accordance therewith, by at all times allowing all Master Masons, who may be present, to vote on the reception of candidates ; and that an unanimous ballot in favor of an applicant shall be necessary to his admission.

No. 11. *"Resolved*, That within this jurisdiction an expulsion or suspension by an Encampment (Commandery) or Chapter, shall be deemed to carry with it an expulsion or suspension, as the case may be, from the Masonic Institution, unless its decision be repealed by the tribunal passing the sentence.

A petition for a new Lodge at Peoria was received and referred to the Committee on Lodges U. D.

Breth. Mitchell (15), Heyl (15), and Lavelly (4), were appointed a committee to inquire into the expediency of having a procession and oration at this session of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, Oct. 5, 1846.

Present, as in the morning, with the following additions:

“JOHN R. CRANDALL, J. G. W.
PHILIP COFFMAN, P. M., No. 3.
WM. H. HOLMES, W. M., No. 29.
LEVI OPPENHEIM, *proxy* W. M., No. 13.
ROBERT SMITH, Miami No. 46, Ohio, visiting.”

The Grand Secretary read a communication from Far West Lodge No. 29, notifying the Grand Lodge that it had surrendered its charter from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and asking for a charter from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which was referred to the Committee on Chartered Lodges. Previous to petitioning the Grand Lodge of Illinois for a charter, Far West Lodge had petitioned for and received a charter from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, which Grand Lodge, at the same time, granted a dispensation for a new Lodge at Elizabeth, Jo Daviess county (now Kavanagh Lodge No. 36); but upon Grand Master Walker taking the matter promptly in hand, as an invasion of jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin rescinded her action in the premises; whereupon a dispensation was granted the Lodge at Elizabeth, and Far West applied for a charter.

The accounts of the Grand Treasurer were presented, and referred to the proper committee.

The Committee on Lodges U. D. reported the returns of Kavanagh, Monmouth, and Olive Branch correct, and recommended charters to issue to the Lodges named as Nos. 36, 37, and 38, which was concurred in, as was a recommendation that George T. Metcalfe and others be granted a dispensation for a new Lodge at Peoria.

The committee appointed at the last preceding communication, to make a general report of all the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge, from the time of its organization, made report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of having a procession and an oration, offered resolutions to the effect that Bro. James H. Matheny, in the absence of the Grand Orator (Bro. William Stuart), would deliver an oration in the Methodist church, on Wednesday; that the installation of officers take place immediately after the oration, and that a procession be formed, and observe a route as follows: “From the lodge-room down Fulton to Water, thence to Main, up Main to Jefferson, on Jefferson to Fulton, on Fulton to the church; returning, from the church on Fulton to Madison, on Madison to Main, down Main to Washington, thence to the lodge-room.”

The resolutions were adopted.

Breth. Howard, Crandall, and Dickson were appointed a committee to report all unfinished business from the proceedings of the last annual communication.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, Josiah Riley, Daniel McNeil, and William E. Russell were invited to seats as the representatives of Lodges 36, 37, and 38.

The Grand Treasurer (Bro. Anderson) offered the following:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that the suspension of a Lodge by the Grand Lodge does not affect the Masonic standing of [its] members.

The resolution was referred to Breth. Morse (G. M.), Lavelly (S. G. W.), Crandall (J. G. W.), John Barney, and Carding Jackson.

On motion of Bro. McMurtry, the resolutions of Bodley Lodge were taken up and referred to the Committee on Unfinished Business.

Breth. Barney and Jackson then exemplified the first and second degrees, after which the Grand Lodge adjourned to 7 o'clock P. M.

MONDAY EVENING, Oct. 5, 1846.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present, as in the afternoon, with the addition of C. G. Y. Taylor, proxy S. W. No. 24. Bro. Barney presented a proxy from the W. M. of No. 33, and was admitted as the representative of that Lodge.

A communication from the M. W. Grand Master was received, read, and so much as related to Lodges was referred to the Committee on Chartered Lodges, and the remainder to Breth. Taylor (24), McNeil (37), and Mitchell (15).

A circular, announcing the death of M. W. Alexander H. Robertson, Grand Master of New York, with various other documents, was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was adjourned to 8 o'clock Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, Oct. 6, 1846.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present, as on the day previous, with the addition of R. W. and Rev. Charles V. Kelly, Grand Chaplain, and proxy for W. M. Occidental Lodge U. D. Bro. Carding Jackson was also recognized as the representative of No. 32, he holding the proxy of the Master of that Lodge. Bro. Benjamin Hibbard (Hebard), of Monmouth Lodge, was admitted.

Bro. Crandall asked to be excused from serving on the committee appointed to consider the resolutions of Bodley Lodge, which was granted, and Bro. John Bailhache (27), appointed in his stead.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts reported the accounts of the Grand Treasurer correct.

The Grand Treasurer's report was as follows:

<i>JAMES L. ANDERSON, Treasurer, &c., in account with</i>									
<i>the Grand Lodge of Illinois.</i>									
									<i>Dr.</i>
" Oct. 8th, 1845,	to amount received of Bro. Coffman, late Grand Treas.								\$362 26
" " " " " "	" " A. C. Dickson, G. S. p. t., '45								457 00
" " " " " "	" " Bro. Lusk, G. S.								30 00
" " 1846	" " " " " "								35 00
" Total									\$884 26
CONTRA.									<i>Cr.</i>
" Oct. 8th, 1845,	by amount paid C. W. Chatterton for jewels, as per voucher								
No. 1									\$102 25
" Oct. 9th, 1845,	by amount paid W. M's Oriental and Apollo Lodges, as per								
voucher No. 2									12 00
" Oct. 9th, 1845,	by amount paid W. M. Hiram Lodge, as per voucher No. 3.								4 00
" " " " " "	" " Piasa " " " " "								4 6 00
" " " " " "	" " Warren " " " " "								5 6 00
" " " " " "	" " Grand Tyler " " " " "								6 9 28
" " " " " "	" " G. S. p. t. " " " " "								7 10 00
" Nov. 15th, " "	" " G. Master's order " " " " "								8 100 00
" Mar. 5th, 1846, " "	" " in part for printing proceedings " " " " "								9 116 15
" Apr. 27th, " "	" " " " " " " " " " "								100 00
" Amount to balance									418 58
" Total									\$884 26
" Oct. 5th, 1846, balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, \$418.58.									
" All of which is respectfully submitted,									
" JAMES L. ANDERSON, G. T."									

The Committee on Chartered Lodges reported the returns of Nos. 24, 25, 32, 33, and 34 correct.

Breth. Matheny, Dills, and Jackson were appointed a committee to report on the expediency of loaning Bro. C. W. Chatterton a sum of money for a term of years, *without interest*, said sum to be loaned from the Grand Charity Fund.

The Grand Lodge then went into an election of officers, which resulted as follows:

NELSON MORSE, Henderson, M. W. Grand Master.
 WILLIAM LAVELY, Springfield, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
 JOHN R. CRANDALL, Peoria, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 ADAM BREWER, Canton, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
 JAMES L. ANDERSON, Rushville, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

At this stage of the election, a motion, made to suspend further balloting until the Grand Lodge should have fixed the place for the next annual communication, was lost, and the election proceeded:

"LEVI LUSK, Rushville, M. W. Grand Secretary.
 Rev. WM. F. WALKER, Chicago, M. W. Grand Orator.
 Rev. CHARLES V. KELLY, Ottawa, R. W. Grand Chaplain.
 DAVID M. KITTINGER, Upper Alton, W. Grand Tyler."

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, Oct. 6, 1846.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Officers, members, and visitors as in the morning.

The committee to whom was referred the communication of Bro. Dickson, reported as follows :

"The committee to whom was referred the complaint of Bro. A. C. Dickson, the Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*, at the last Grand Annual Communication, beg leave to report: That they have examined the subject and find that the note appended by the Grand Master to Bro. Dickson's account is not warranted by the state of facts, as it appears that the amounts referred to never went into the hands of Bro. Dickson. The amount said to have been paid by St. John's Lodge No. 13, was in fact paid by that Lodge to Bro. Warren, the then Grand Secretary, by remittance through the mail, and by him acknowledged in a letter now in the possession of St. John's Lodge.

"The other amount of \$10, said to have been paid by Friendship Lodge No. 7, to Bro. Dickson, was not paid to Bro. Dickson, as indicated by the Grand Master's note, but was received by Bro. Lusk, the Grand Secretary, by mail, after the adjournment of the last Grand Lodge, in a letter addressed to the Grand Secretary, consequently could not have been acknowledged by Bro. Dickson.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"JAMES L. ANDERSON, }
 CHAS. HOWARD, } Committee."
 J. H. LUCE.

The report was accepted.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges reported the returns of Nos. 1, 3, 4, 18, 19, 21, 23, 26, and 28 correct and dues paid.

The committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of loaning a sum of money to Bro. C. W. Chatterton, reported a resolution to the effect that the Grand Master be authorized to loan the said brother one hundred dollars, without interest, upon his giving a note with approved security, to the Grand Master, with the express understanding that if desired, the note was to be renewed at the end of the year, unless the Grand Lodge otherwise ordered.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts reported as follows .

"The Committee on Finance and Accounts, to whom was referred the Grand Treasurer's statement of the Grand Lodge, in account with the Grand Charity Fund, ask leave to refer the same back again to the Grand Lodge, there being no means, so far as your committee are informed, whereby they can judge of its accuracy. Your committee would however respectfully recommend that

the Grand Treasurer be directed to open an account with the Grand Charity Fund, and keep it separate from all the other funds of the Grand Lodge.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"TIMOTHY SOUTHER, }
WM. E. RUSSELL, } *Committee.*
ADAM BREWER. }

Bro. Dills was excused from further service on the Committee on Lodges U. D., and his place supplied by Bro. Crandall.

At this part of the session, the special committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as related to Harmony Lodge, made their report. This report grew out of the circular letter issued by Harmony Lodge regarding the admission of negroes into the Lodges in Chicago. Inasmuch as this whole matter will be presented in a chapter by itself, we will omit the report of the committee at this time. The committee making the report was C. G. Y. Taylor (24), afterwards Grand Master; Wm Mitchell (15), afterwards Grand Secretary; and Daniel McNeil (37), afterwards Grand Lecturer.

After the adoption of this report, the Grand Lodge was adjourned to 7 o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY EVENING, Oct. 6, 1846.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: As in the afternoon, with the addition of Webb C. Quigley, proxy S. W. No. 29. Bills for charters and circulars, amounting to \$24, were allowed and ordered paid.

The Committee on Lodges U. D. reported the returns and work of Herman Lodge correct, and praised the Lodge for the excellent manner in which the records of the Lodge were kept; reprobated the practice of conferring degrees "on credit," and recommended a charter as No. 39, which was concurred in, and Bro. Lusk admitted as proxy of the W. M.

Breth. Mitchell, McMurtry, and Anderson were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the procession of the morrow (Wednesday), and to prepare a programme.

The city of Quincy was then selected, by ballot, as the place for holding the next annual communication.

A motion to allow Bro. A. C. Dickson, Deputy Grand Secretary for 1845, an additional compensation of \$10, was referred to Breth. Happy, McNeil, and Dills.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made a report, which was laid over for consideration.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned to 8 o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Oct. 7, 1846.

Present: As on the preceding day.

The M. W. Grand Master elect announced the following appointments:

"JAMES PRICE, Henderson, Deputy Grand Secretary.
A. C. DICKSON, Jacksonville, Sr. Gr. Deacon.
R. F. KIPPENBURG, Beardstown, Jr. Gr. Deacon.
WILLIAM McMURTRY, Henderson, Grand Marshal.
HARRISON DILLS, } Quincy, Grand Stewards.
HENRY KAUSSEL, }
PETER SWEAT, Peoria, Grand Sword Bearer.
ARNOLD R. ROBINSON, Springfield, Gr. Pursuivant.
CARDING JACKSON, Chicago, Gr. Lecturer."

An order passed at the grand communication of 1845, appropriating \$75 to the Grand Secretary (W. B. Warren), was rescinded, and orders for \$37.50 each ordered to issue to Breth. Warren, Grand Secretary, and Dickson, Deputy.

Breth. Mitchell, Dills, and Dickson were appointed a committee to settle the accounts of the late Grand Secretary (Bro. Warren), and to report at the next grand communication.

The Committee on Returns and Work of Lodges U. D. recommended the issuing of a charter to Occidental Lodge No. 40, which was concurred in, and Bro. Kelly was invited to a seat as the representative thereof.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges reported the returns and work of Nos. 9, 15, 27, 29, and 30 correct.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts reported as follows:

"The committee to whom was referred the statements of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, return them herewith to the Grand Lodge, and remark that it is utterly impossible for your committee to form any opinion as to the correctness of the statements, on account of the very loose manner in which the accounts of the Grand Lodge have heretofore been kept. We would therefore respectfully recommend that the Grand Secretary procure a substantial book in which he shall open an account with each Lodge under this jurisdiction, and in which he shall carefully credit them for such sums of money as they shall from time to time pay to the Grand Lodge, stating for what purpose it was paid, whether for Grand Lodge dues, charity fund, dispensation, or charter, as the case may be, and that these several accounts be balanced each year, and, together with the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, be audited by the Committee on Finance and Accounts, which committee shall be required to make a report of the true condition of the finances and other property of the Grand Lodge, as well as any sums that may be due from subordinate Lodge.

"All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

"TIMOTHY SOUTHER, }
ADAM BREWER, } Committee."
WM. E. RUSSELL. }

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted:

"On motion of Bro. Lavelly, the Grand Lodge then took up and read the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, and disposed of each item in the order of reading."

The first "item" was the resolution striking out Monday as the day of meeting, and inserting Wednesday, which was lost.

The second, to amend the by-laws, by providing that the annual communication should be held first Monday in June instead of October, was lost; a like amendment as regarded the month, but differing as to the day, which was the fourth Wednesday, was also lost. The proposition that the Lodges should pay two dollars for each raising, was lost. The resolution providing that the Grand Lodge should designate, at each annual communication, the place for holding the next meeting, was adopted. A motion to strike out "Jacksonville," as the place of meeting and insert "Decatur," was lost. On motion of Bro. Lavelly, all amendments to the constitution were ordered to lie over one year, and the Grand Secretary directed to notify the subordinate Lodges of the fact.

Bro. W. W. Happy (3), offered an amendment to the by-laws, intended to permanently locate the Grand Lodge at some point, to be by it chosen.

The following, offered by Bro. Sweat, was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recommend to the Lodges under her jurisdiction, to suspend all members who neglect to pay their dues for the term of one year.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, Oct. 7, 1846.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: As in the morning.

Bro. Dills offered the following, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to wait upon R. W. Bro. Moses Johnson, Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge of Texas, now in Peoria, and invite him to take a seat in this Grand Lodge.

Breth. Dills and Howard were appointed the committee, who introduced the R. W. Brother in an appropriate manner. Of course there were some speeches made, words of welcome uttered, and thanks returned—indeed, the record before us shows that much brotherly feeling prevailed.

The committee to whom was referred the resolutions of Bodley Lodge (heretofore given), reported, which report was for the time being laid on the table. Breth. Dickson and Happy, of Jacksonville, were granted leave of absence. In these days, that is a thing that is rarely asked for—they go anyhow.

The Grand Lodge (having adjourned) then proceeded to the Methodist church, where the officers were installed, and an oration delivered by Bro. James H. Matheny. Upon the return of the Grand Lodge to its place of meeting, a vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Matheny, upon motion of Bro. Anderson. The following was adopted :

“Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the note appended to appendix D, in printed proceedings of the last annual communication, in relation to money not accounted for by the late D. G. Master, (Carding Jackson) is a mistake, and was not sanctioned by this Grand Lodge at its communication in 1845.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to 7 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Oct. 7, 1846.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, Bro. Lively presiding.
Present: As in the afternoon.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges reported that the work and returns of Charleston Lodge had been examined, and that the work had been hastily done, there being an instance of one person having been initiated, passed, and raised at the same meeting. But in consideration of the fact that the applicant was about to “join the army” (Mexican war), the committee decided it was a clear case of emergency, and the return of the Lodge was received. The returns of No. 7, for 1845, were pronounced correct.

In conclusion, the committee asked to be discharged from further consideration of that part of the Grand Master's report which was referred to them, which request was granted, and Breth. Kelly (40), Sweat (15), and McNeil (37), were appointed in the place of the committee discharged.

Bro. Anderson offered the following, which was adopted :

“Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that no money is authorized to be drawn from the Treasury but on the order of the Grand Master, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, which consent shall be signified by test of the Grand Secretary.

The report of the committee on the resolutions of Bodley Lodge, was taken up for consideration.

Bro. Kelly (40), moved that the report lay on the table until the next annual communication, which was lost.

The matter seems to have been dropped at this time, for immediately following the motion of Bro. Kelly appears the report of the Committee on Finance and Accounts, as regarded the accounts of the Grand Secretary, which were found correct. The Grand Secretary's account we here present :

⁴⁴ LEVI LUSE, *Secretary, &c., in account with*

the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois.

Dr.

Names and numbers of Lodges.	No. of m'mb'rs	Grand L. dues.	Grand Charity Fund.	Total.
1845.				
Friendship No. 7.....	30	\$15 00	\$7 50	*\$23 00
Warsaw No. 21.....	37	13 50	6 75	20 25
1846.				
Bodley No. 1.....	30	7 50	7 50	15 00
Equality No. 2.....	16	4 00	4 00	8 00
Harmony No. 3.....	27	6 75	6 75	13 50
Springfield No. 4.....	40	10 00	10 00	20 00
Rushville No. 9.....	34	8 50	8 50	17 00
St. John's No. 13.....	27	6 75	6 75	13 50
Warren No. 14.....	24	6 00	6 00	12 00
Peoria No. 15.....	41	10 25	10 25	20 50
Lafayette No. 18.....	61	15 25	15 25	30 50
Clinton No. 19.....	19	4 75	4 75	9 50
Warsaw No. 21.....	26	6 50	6 50	13 00
Cass No. 23.....	28	7 00	7 00	14 00
St. Clair No. 24.....	20	5 00	5 00	10 00
Franklin No. 25.....	15	3 75	3 75	7 50
Hiram No. 26.....	21	5 25	5 25	10 50
Piasa No. 27.....	29	7 25	7 25	14 50
Monroe No. 28.....	26	6 50	6 50	13 00
Pekin No. 29.....	27	6 75	6 75	13 50
Morning Star No. 30.....	29	7 25	7 25	14 50
Apollo No. 32.....	27	6 75	6 75	13 50
Oriental No. 33.....	18	4 50	4 50	9 00
Barry No. 34.....	15	3 75	3 75	7 50
Charleston No. 35.....	17	4 25	4 25	*9 00
Kavanaugh No. 36.....	10	2 50	2 50	5 00
Monmouth No. 37.....	15	3 75	3 75	7 50
Olive Branch No. 38.....	16	4 00	4 00	8 00
Herman No. 39.....	18	4 50	4 50	9 00
Occidental No. 40.....	25	6 25	6 25	12 50
Mount Joliet No. 41.....	18	4 50	4 50	9 00
Grand Total.....				\$403 25

⁴⁴ Warsaw No. 21, Warsaw, for charter and seal.....	\$ 5 00
Apollo No. 32, Chicago, for dispensation, charter and seal.....	19 00
Charleston No. 35, Charleston, for charter.....	5 00
Kavanaugh No. 36, Elizabeth, for charter and seal.....	7 00
Monmouth No. 37, Monmouth, for charter and dues for 1844 and 1845.....	25 00
Olive Branch No. 38, Danville, for charter and seal.....	7 00
Herman No. 39, Quincy, for dispensation, charter and seal.....	22 00
Occidental No. 40, Ottawa, for seal.....	2 00
Mount Joliet No. 41, for seal.....	2 00
Far West No. 42, Galena, for seal.....	2 00
Temple U. D., Peoria, for dispensation.....	15 00
	\$130 00
	403 25
	\$533 25

*Nos. 7 and 35 overpaid 50 cents each.

"CONTRA.	CR.
"By cash paid for postage.....	\$ 3 46
By stationery for Grand Lodge.....	2 25
By fees for charters to seven Lodges.....	14 00
By Grand Treasurer's receipt March 14th, 1846.....	30 00
By Grand Treasurer's receipt April 10th, 1846.....	35 00
By Grand Treasurer's receipt October 7th, 1846.....	397 00
"Amount in my hands.....	51 44
	\$533 25
"LEVI LUSK, Grand Secretary."	

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to 8 o'clock Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, Oct. 8, 1846.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: as on "Wednesday evening."

Bro. Carding Jackson (18) presented proxy as the representative of Mt. Joliet Lodge U. D., and Bro. Grand Secretary (9) presented proxies as representative of Nos. 2 and 14.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges reported the returns of Nos. 2 and 14 correct.

The report of the committee on the resolutions of Bodley Lodge was again taken up, and a motion to lay on the table (by whom made is not stated) was again lost, whereupon the report was accepted, and the resolutions adopted, as follows:

"To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Illinois:

"The select committee to which have been referred certain resolutions from Bodley Lodge No. 1, having had the same under consideration, respectfully beg leave to report that the said resolutions embrace matters of the highest importance to the Masonic Fraternity, and in relation to which widely different opinions are doubtless honestly entertained by worthy members of the Craft. This is believed to be more particularly the case with the first resolution, inserted on page 57, of the published proceedings of the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge, the repeal of which is earnestly urged by Bodley Lodge No. 1. With unaffected diffidence in their ability to arrive at a just and truly Masonic conclusion upon the momentous questions submitted to them, and with due deference to the high authority from which the resolution objected to emanates, your committee humbly state that, in their judgment, the said resolution was adopted hastily, and without sufficient caution, and the good of the Masonic Institution requires that its operations should be suspended until an expression of the opinion of the subordinate Lodges can be had thereon.

"We heartily believe the Bible to be the first *Great Light* of Masonry, and that it is, and should be, the constant guide of the Christian Mason—yet, being aware that at the period of the institution of the Order by King Solomon, only a small portion of the Holy Scriptures was in existence, and that Masonry is designed to be universal in the extension of its benefits, and to embrace within its ample

bosom all, whether Jews or Gentiles, Christians or Pagans, who avow 'a steadfast belief in the existence of Deity,' we are unwilling to close the door against those whom our first and Most Illustrious Grand Master would have admitted, by imposing a test which would exclude from the Lodge every person not a professor of Christianity. According to our understanding of our ancient landmarks, the imposition of such a test might be a dangerous innovation upon the well established principles of Masonry—one that may sever the *mystic tie* which binds together all the Craftsmen, wheresoever scattered over the surface of the Globe, and confine to a comparatively small portion of the human family, benefits obviously designated for the whole race. It is not unreasonable to suppose that if 'a distinct avowal of a belief in the divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures,' including, of course, the New as well as the Old Testament, be deemed indispensable to admission to the privileges of Masonry, and, as a necessary consequence, operate to the exclusion of the descendants of the original founders and patrons of the Order, it may hereafter be found practical to introduce other tests, requiring 'a belief' in one of the numerous creeds into which the Christian world is now divided, and rejecting all others. Besides, if the door of the Masonic Temple be resolutely closed against all such as do not avow the required 'belief,' how are the persons thus deprived of the *Great Light* of the Bible, the study of which is solemnly and repeatedly enjoined within the portals of the Lodge, to profit by the instructions of the Sacred Volume? Is it right to refuse to those who do not believe 'in the divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures,' and consequently stand most in need of the precepts they inculcate and the consolations they impart, the opportunity, perhaps the only one they may ever be favored with, of making themselves acquainted with the contents of the Blessed Book? Your committee believe that it is not; but unwilling to trespass further upon the patience of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge by presenting additional arguments in support of their opinions, they will proceed to notice very briefly the other points embraced in the document referred to them.

"With regard to the seventh resolution, also found on page 57 of the printed proceedings of the last Grand Lodge, your committee ask leave to state that, according to the best of their judgment, the good of the Masonic Fraternity would best be promoted by its repeal. In our view, the question of the admission of every applicant may safely be left to the decision of the Lodge in which he wishes to enter, and the members of which clearly possess the right of selecting their own associates. The danger which may be apprehended from the possible admission of an improper person, who might be rejected were a visiting brother allowed to vote, will be sufficiently guarded against by allowing, according to usage, such visitor to state his objections to the reception of the candidate in open Lodge, before the ballot is taken; and which, if well founded, will as certainly exclude him as the appearance of a black ball in the ballot-box. It moreover seems to your committee, that to allow a mere visiting brother, one, perhaps, who, although residing within the jurisdiction of a regular Lodge, refuses or neglects to become a member, or it may be a total stranger to all the parties, the privilege of deciding who shall or shall not be admitted into a Lodge, the door of which the objector may never before have entered, and may never enter again, is essentially wrong in principle, and should be discontinued in practice.

"Your committee likewise concur with Bodley Lodge in the opinion that the eleventh resolution, which appears on page 58 of the published proceedings of the last grand communication, should be rescinded. Although Encampments,

Chapters, and Lodges are all parts of the great Masonic Institution, their organization and mode of working are nevertheless separate and distinct, and what may justly be considered a legitimate cause for suspension in the one, is not necessarily and unavoidably liable to the same grave punishment in the other. Besides, as every Blue Lodge clearly and indisputably possesses the right of punishing any offending member within her jurisdiction, there appears to be no valid reason why she should give up this right to another tribunal, of whose proceedings she is not bound to take notice, and with whose action in the case she may be wholly unacquainted. The offender, moreover, especially if a member of the Lodge, is surely entitled to the privilege of being tried by his brethren, and to be heard by them in his own defense, and should not be deprived of it for slight or trivial causes.

"In relation to the resolution inserted on pages 13 and 14 of the printed proceedings of the last Grand Lodge, your committee would also observe that they are of the opinion that a general compliance therewith is calculated to be more injurious than beneficial to the Fraternity. It appears to us that danger is far more likely to arise from the inconsiderate admission of improper persons into the Masonic family, than from the exclusion of such as may be truly worthy. It seldom, if ever, happens that every member of a Lodge is present when a candidate is balloted for, and it is very possible that the only one in possession of reasons sufficient for the rejection of the applicant, may be absent when his petition is acted upon. It is, consequently, very proper, whenever such is the case, that the brother who would have opposed his reception in the first instance, had he been present, should be allowed another opportunity for the purpose, and to have his objections removed, if not well founded, or the further advancement of the candidate arrested, should it appear, upon mature deliberation, that he is unworthy of the privilege he seeks to obtain. Besides, it may be received as a sound maxim, that no one who has once been admitted within the portals of the Lodge, and initiated as an Entered Apprentice, will, on slight grounds, be refused *further light*; or, that one who has been admitted to the first and second degrees, will be rejected on his application for the third, except from an imperative sense of duty to the Masonic Institution. Your committee, therefore, can see no necessity for the resolution in question, and respectfully recommend its repeal.

"With respect to the expediency of 'requiring all subordinate Lodges to report to the Grand Lodge the names of all Master Masons residing within their respective jurisdictions,' your committee would respectfully remark that, in their judgment, a strict compliance with this requirement would be, for obvious reasons, very difficult, if not impracticable. As all attainable information on this subject is, however, desirable, it is believed that it should be recommended to the subordinate Lodges to procure the same, so far as it may be within their reach, and that nothing more should be required of them on this point.

"Impressed, however, with a deep sense of the great importance of the matters submitted to them, and deprecating precipitate action thereon, your committee would respectfully suggest that the operation of the several resolutions referred to in the document from Bodley Lodge No. 1, be suspended until the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge, and most respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the operation of resolutions Nos. 1, 7, and 11, on pages 57 and 58, and of the resolution on pages 13 and 14, of the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, held at Jacksonville, in the year 1845, be and are hereby suspended until the opinion of the subordinate Lodges be

obtained; and that said opinion be requested to be sent in at the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, to procure, so far as it may be practicable and convenient, the names of all Master Masons residing within their respective jurisdictions, and report the same in their annual communications for the information of this Grand Lodge.

“JOHN BAILHACHE,
A. C. DICKSON,
CHAS. HOWARD. } Committee.”

The Committee on Lodges U. D. reported the work and returns of Mt. Joliet and Far West Lodges correct, and recommended the granting of charters—to Mt. Joliet as No. 42, and to Far West as No. 41, which recommendations were concurred in, and Breth Carding Jackson admitted as the representative of No. 42, and Josiah Riley of No. 41. The granting of a charter to Far West as No. 41, vacated the number originally intended for that Lodge, viz.: five, which has been vacant from the organization of the Grand Lodge to this day.

Breth. Kippingburg, Bailhache, Souther, Howard, and Anderson were granted leave of absence. Boats didn't run every day then, and as these brethren lived on or near the river, it became necessary to take a boat whenever it came along. Breth. James H. Matheny, William Lavelly, and A. R. Robinson were appointed a committee to apply to the next General Assembly for a charter for the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. Matheny, the Grand Secretary was directed to procure a record book, and record therein all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, a perfect copy of which should be published.

On motion of Bro. Riley (36), it was

Resolved, That the truly Masonic course of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, in relation to the disputed jurisdiction in the cases of Far West and Kavanagh Lodges demands the expression of the most cordial approbation of this Grand Lodge.”

This resolution will be more fully understood after reading Grand Master Walker's report to the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts reported as follows:

“The Committee on Finance and Accounts beg leave respectfully to report that they find, on examination of the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, at the commencement of the present session of the Grand Lodge, the sum of \$418.58. Your committee find that he has received during this session, from the Grand Secretary, the further sum of \$397. Your committee, on examination of the vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, find, in addition to the \$216.15, which was paid for printing the annual report of the last year, the further sum of \$100, for which no account has been rendered from our late M. W. Grand Master Walker, who drew the money. Your committee recommend that the Grand Lodge, through some proper channel, call on Past Grand Master Walker for the account of the \$100 which was so drawn by him.

“TIMOTHY SOUTHER,
ADAM BREWER,
WM. E. RUSSELL. } Committee.”

Breth. Mitchell, Sweat, and Dills were appointed a committee to determine what portions of the report of the Grand Master were proper to be published.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution regarding members of suspended Lodges, offered by Bro. Anderson, reported as follows :

"The committee to whom was referred a resolution asking the sense of this Grand Lodge as to the effect of the suspension of a subordinate Lodge by the Grand Lodge on the Masonic standing of an individual member of such suspended Lodge, would most respectfully report: That while it is, in the opinion of your committee, imperative on all *good Masons* to regard all who participate in a subordinate Lodge that has been suspended or declared clandestine by this *Grand Lodge* as clandestine *Masons*, and therefore unworthy of our Masonic associations: yet, if any member or members of any such suspended or clandestine Lodge shall, on the first information of the action of the Grand Lodge, declaring such Lodge suspended or clandestine, *immediately* have withdrawn his association or communication from them, they would, without doubt, be entitled to all the rights and privileges of our Order; provided their actions as individuals, or immediately in conjunction with the Lodge, shall not have called for the action of this Grand Lodge declaring such Lodge suspended or clandestine.

"Your committee deem it unnecessary to prescribe any mode by which the Fraternity may be satisfied that any one hailing from a suspended Lodge has acted the part of a good and true Mason, in obedience to the edicts of this Grand Lodge, as all are competent to judge for themselves in the premises.

"Your committee, therefore, would most respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution, as a substitute for the one submitted to them :

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that the suspension of a subordinate Lodge by this Grand Lodge only affects the standing of its individual members so far as they participate in disregarding the edicts of this Grand Lodge after the first information thereof coming to their knowledge, and providing such individuals, by their acts, shall not have been the cause of the action of this Grand Lodge declaring such Lodge suspended or clandestine.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"WM. LAVELY, N. D. MORSE, J. R. CRANDALL, C. JACKSON.	}	Committee."
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The report was adopted.

The Grand Secretary presented a resolution from Warren Lodge in relation to the same subjects treated of in the resolutions of Bodley Lodge, and as the subject had been fully discussed and disposed of in the report of the committee upon the resolutions of No. 1, the communication of No. 14 was tabled.

The following communication from No. 14 was ordered published :

"IN WARREN LODGE No. 14, }
August 8th, A. L. 5846. }

"On motion, Breth. E. R. Roe, B. Parrish, E. Bogardus, and E. H. Gatewood were appointed a committee to draft a preamble stating the facts and circumstances in relation to the conduct of John W. Tunnell, formerly a member of this Lodge, but now demitted, and resolutions expressive of the sense of this

Lodge; which preamble and resolutions shall be published to the grand and subordinate Lodges throughout the Union. Whereupon, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted, to-wit:

"WHEREAS, One John W. Tunnell, a practicing physician, about 30 or 35 years of age, about 5 feet 8 inches high, spare made, dark complexion, long black hair very straight and usually combed back, black eyes, and of quick, irascible temperament; originally from Kentucky, lately from New Albany, Indiana, and recently a resident of this place; was here regularly initiated, passed, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in this Lodge, in which he remained a member in good standing until he received a demit in due form: And, whereas, he has been guilty of a most heinous offense against the moral and civil laws (he having at the same time an amiable wife and children, who are at New Albany, Indiana), by abducting and taking away with him a young woman of this neighborhood, with whom, as we are informed, he has had for some time, and still has illicit intercourse—withdrawing his affections from their only proper objects, his lawful wife and children: And, whereas, such conduct is alike abhorrent to all moral and social feeling—to the supreme laws of our land—and more especially to the precepts and doctrines of the Masonic Institution, of which we are proud to be accounted the advocate, and which he has so grossly violated in this instance; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we do, as a Lodge solemnly assembled in behalf of the injured dignity of the Order, and of ourselves as Masons, hereby declare him, the said John W. Tunnell, to be recreant to every principle of honor and duty, and we do hereby utterly discard, disclaim, and disown him, and forever absolve ourselves, collectively and individually, from all Masonic connection or fellowship with him, and request the Grand Lodge of Illinois, if in its power, to expell him, or cause the same to be done: and we hereby resolve to publish him, in every legal form that may be permitted, as an impostor upon the Masonic Order, if he shall ever again seek communication with worthy brethren. And it is further

"Resolved, That we will cause the publication of this preamble and resolution to the grand and subordinate Lodges of this State, and to every Grand Lodge in the Union.

"E. R. ROE, W. M.

"Attest: E. H. GATEWOOD, Secretary *pro tem*.

"On motion,

"Resolved, That the action of Warren Lodge No. 14, in relation to John W. Tunnell, be approved, and they be permitted to publish the same.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported as follows:

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to report that the Grand Secretary, since the last Grand Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, has received the printed proceedings of the following Grand Lodges, viz.: Missouri, Maryland for December and May, Alabama, Mississippi, Indiana, Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Maine, Florida, Texas, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Louisiana; all of which your committee have barely glanced at in a very hurried and imperfect manner, not with that calm and deliberate consideration due to the grand bodies from which they emanate, which is certainly absolutely necessary to enable them to select and embody such important parts as might require an expression of opinion from this Grand Lodge.

"There are a great many things in the proceedings of the various Grand Lodges of the utmost importance to the well-being of the Craft, which, if your committee had had time sufficient, they would have taken great pleasure in laying before this Grand Lodge, soliciting its action thereon. Your committee report that, in their estimation, the day or two allotted to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, during the session of the Grand Lodge, is utterly insufficient to enable them to bestow that judicious consideration upon the various measures of interest affecting the prosperity of our Order, that their importance most imperiously demands.

"Our sister Grand Lodges expect of us a calm and considerate response to their various suggestions; which your committee, owing to the shortness of time allotted them, feel their utter incapacity to make.

"Your committee would recommend that the practice pursued by some of the Grand Lodges, to-wit, that of having a Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence, whose duty it is to examine, during recess, such documents, with a view of reporting at the next communication thereafter, be adopted by this Grand Lodge, feeling assured that it will much facilitate the labors of the committee, and expedite the transaction of business.

"Your committee would conclude their report in the words of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Tennessee: "We have great cause of gratulation and rejoicing for the peace and prosperity of our Order. Old men are rubbing off the rust of years, and returning with delight to the associations of their early manhood; and young men seek pleasure in acquiring a knowledge of our learning and mysteries. The gentle dew of charity is distilling upon our hill-tops and along our valleys. Our time beaten walls seem to have settled on their bases, and acquired new strength in the rolling tide of years. The wild storm that beat against them has spent its fury, and the bright sun and cheerful sky betoken coming days of quietude and felicity."

"L. LUSK,
J. H. MATHENY, } Committee."
J. H. LUCE.

The report was adopted, and Breth. Lusk (9), Anderson (9) and Davis (15), were appointed a standing committee on correspondence.

The Grand Secretary was directed to have 350 copies of the proceedings published, and five copies transmitted to each Lodge, one to each Grand Lodge, and the remainder to be retained for the use of the Grand Lodge at its next communication.

The Grand Secretary was allowed seventy-five dollars for his services.

On motion of Bro. Kelly (40),

"*Resolved*, That in consideration of the censure already passed upon Warsaw Lodge No. 21, this Grand Lodge hereby receives said Lodge to their affectionate confidence."

The committee appointed to determine what portions of the Grand Master's address were appropriate for publication, reported as follows:

CHICAGO, October 3, 1846.

"*To Levi Lusk, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois:*

"R. W. AND DR. BROTHER:—An ever merciful Providence has permitted the period for another Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge to come round.

"An abstract of what I have done for the Grand Lodge is here furnished, at least so far as the same is deemed of sufficient importance to engage the attention of the Grand Lodge. Minor acts and decisions, having respect to particular Lodges or local interests, it is believed to be unnecessary here to detail.

"The lateness of this communication is owing to sickness of myself and family having so thrown me out of the true reckoning as to have caused me, till a late hour last evening, to have the impression that the Grand Lodge was not to convene till one week from Monday next. I now hasten to furnish what would otherwise have gone to you earlier.

"My installation as Grand Master took place October 8th, 1845, in the Masonic Hall at Jacksonville.

"October 10th, I granted a dispensation, pursuant to a resolution of the Grand Lodge (see proceedings, page 16), to Charles Stienagel, and others, to form and open a Lodge in Quincy, by the name of Herman Lodge, to work in the German language. The fee for dispensation was to be paid to yourself, as Grand Secretary.

"October 11th, I appointed our Deputy Right Worshipful N. D. Morse my proxy to consecrate Morning Star Lodge, No. 30, and install its officers. I have received no returns as to whether the proxy was fulfilled or not.

"October 14th, pursuant to action of the Grand Lodge (see proceedings, page 59), I revoked and annulled the dispensation of Ottawa Lodge, held at Ottawa LaSalle county, said Lodge having justly forfeited its being by non-use of its powers and a non-fulfillment of its duties; and at the same time I granted a dispensation to George H. Norris, Morris Murphy, Alson Woodruff, and the requisite additional brethren, to form and open a Lodge at Ottawa, to be called Occidental Lodge, designating and appointing George H. Norris as Master, Morris Murphy as Senior Warden, and Alson Woodruff as Junior Warden. For the dispensation thus granted no fees were required. Its charter, when issued, will be paid for as usual. A peculiar state of things, affecting the interests of the Lodge, caused me subsequently to grant a dispensation for holding an election, by which the first officers were changed.

October 15th, I revoked and annulled the charter of Juliet Lodge No. 10, in the manner and for the causes following:

"To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren, of Juliet Lodge No. 10, held at Joliet, Will county:

"Whereas, legal information has been received by me of your having violated the constitution, laws and edicts, of the Grand Lodge of the State from which your Charter was obtained, as well as the constitutions of Masonry, and seriously infringed upon the landmarks of the Order which you were bound to observe:

"And whereas such information has been fully corroborated by an examination of your records this day submitted to me, and by the testimony of several members of your Lodge, summoned before me to give evidence in the case:

"And whereas such innovations and irregularities are without justification, I have deemed that the interests of the Order can not longer be safely intrusted to you:

"Therefore be it known, That I, William F. Walker, Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois, do, by virtue of the authority committed to me for the purpose, hereby revoke and annul the charter under which you have heretofore assembled and worked, declaring it void and of no effect; and by virtue of these presents, require and charge you to deliver the same, together with the books, records, papers, funds, jewels, furniture, and other property of Juliet Lodge No. 10, to Myron K. Brownson, my proxy for this purpose, he to have and to hold the same for our M. W. Grand Lodge, subject to my order on account thereof.

"Given under my hand and seal, this 15th day of October, A. L. 5845, A. D. 1845.

[L. S.]

*"W. F. WALKER,
Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Illinois."*

"October 17th, I granted a dispensation, in lieu of the above revoked charter, to William E. Little, Myron K. Brownson, Joel George, and the requisite additional brethren, constituting them into a Lodge, by the name of Mount Joliet Lodge, and granting them, the Grand Lodge approving of the same, the number of the extinct Lodge, to wit, No. 10, said Lodge to be held at Joliet, in Will

county, and designating and appointing William E. Little as Master, Myron K. Brownson as Senior Warden, and Joel George as Junior Warden.

"I subsequently gave an order in the name of the Grand Lodge, to the Worshipful Master of Mount Joliet Lodge, on Myron K. Brownson, for the books, papers, jewels, funds, furniture, and other property of the late Juliet Lodge No. 10, held by him, the same to be placed in the care and for the use of Mount Joliet Lodge. For the dispensation thus granted no fee was required, nor should there be any for the charter for which that Lodge may apply, save the Grand Secretary's fee of two dollars.

"October 18th, I decided in the case of Herman Lodge, at Quincy, that installation of its officers was neither necessary nor proper, and therefore ordered it to be dispensed with.

"November 8th, I granted a dispensation to Apollo Lodge No. 32, to pass and raise Bro. John Wentworth at once, for peculiarities in his case which were stated. The same day I consecrated Apollo and Oriental Lodges, Nos. 32 and 33, and installed their officers in ample form. The duty of installing their officers was performed by me again for the same Lodges, with those of Lafayette Lodge, No. 18, in addition, immediately subsequent to their next following election on the festival of St. John the Evangelist.

"Though greatly averse to allowing dispensations, from the strictness of the laws, in all cases for which there is not an urgent reason, I have, under peculiar circumstances, granted dispensations from our rules regarding work to different Lodges on various occasions, and for the benefit of sundry individuals. I regret that an application made through R. W. William B. Warren, on behalf of a distinguished citizen, came to me so late, as, I fear, to have rendered the dispensation of no avail.

"These things are mentioned here in the gross, to render unnecessary details under their respective dates. They are not believed to be of importance sufficient to demand a fuller mention of them.

"November 21st, I received from the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, a joint bond, in conformity with a resolution of the Grand Lodge in 1842; (see proceedings, page 93, VI.) The same is transmitted by this day's mail to the R. W. D. Grand Master.

"November 27th, I received from the Grand Treasurer \$100, in answer to my order of the 15th for the same. The drafts upon me on various accounts, connected with the Grand Lodge, I found to be such as to require that some funds be in my hands to meet them, as the Grand Treasurer was too remote to be applied to as each was presented. It was for this cause that I made the above draft. The account of the same and of myself, in connection with this Grand Lodge, will be furnished in conclusion. I may here state, however, that a balance of \$11.74 of the money thus received, and of that paid for a dispensation to constitute a Lodge at Danville, is now in my hands, subject to the order of the Grand Lodge.

"The manuscript of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge was received by me November 14th. I had made arrangements for getting the matter through the press with as little delay as possible after its receipt; but for some cause its printing could not then be commenced, nor was it until the expiration of well nigh two weeks; and then, by a failure of him who had undertaken it (T. A. Stewart) to find materials with which to execute it properly, I was obliged to withdraw it from him and take it to the firm who executed the work in the manner in which it has gone forth.

"By this change was caused much additional delay, and a charge by which I have been pursued on the part of Stewart, which I suppose I am bound to answer.

"During three months the preparation and printing of the Grand Lodge proceedings engaged me. I found all sources of information confused, and the accounts inexplicable. These things gave me great trouble, and occasioned a consumption of time and expenditure of labor that can not readily be conceived. Some errors were from the nature of the case committed, but so far as they have been discovered they are believed to be unimportant. A beginning was made, which, in other hands, may be carried to perfection in another year, and our Grand Lodge affairs be exhibited with literal correctness. I may be permitted to say that the whole imposed upon me an amount of labor and care from which I should have shrunk had my responsibility been less weighty, or my desire for the character and prosperity of our Grand Lodge in any degree weakened. If what was done seems hardly commensurate with the expense, I regret it. I could not in any other way make the publication exhibit the affairs of our Grand Lodge in such a way as to be intelligible, and show what had been done and what was required to be done in regard to them. On this account I was forced to employ an amanuensis, and incur expenses that may not, perhaps, at once be suggested.

"An account of the distribution of the Grand Lodge proceedings, made at the instance of the Grand Secretary, will be furnished in conclusion. It may be here stated, however, that about 250 copies were distributed, the remainder are on hand, waiting the Grand Secretary's order.

"The Grand Lodge proceedings having been disposed of, I gave myself at once, with some diligence, to the performance of the duty contemplated in a preamble and resolution on page 16 of the proceedings. The work was completed some time since. * * *

"In March last I granted a dispensation to Breth. William E. Russell, John Payne, John Thompson, and the requisite additional brethren, to form and open a Lodge at Danville, in this State, by the name of 'Olive Branch Lodge,' and designating Bro. Wm. E. Russell as Master, Bro. John Payne as Senior Warden and Bro. John Thompson as Junior Warden. Fifteen dollars were paid me for the dispensation.

"On the 22d of the same month I called the attention of the committee on the subject of Warsaw Lodge No. 21 (see proceedings, page 59) to their duties, and soon after received the statement and report which are hereto appended :

"Your committee beg leave to suggest to the M. W. Grand Master, that perhaps it will not be necessary to inflict punishment to the extent of his authority; that although the Lodge erred, and greatly erred, yet they conceive the error was an error of the head and not of the heart; that all the harm has been done in the case that can be done; the men have been since tried by the laws of their country and a jury of their peers, and acquitted."

"All of which we most respectfully submit."

"L. LUSK,
J. H. HOLTON, } Committee.*

*The letter of Bro. Montague, approved by Warsaw Lodge, and upon which the committee based their report and suggestion to the M. W. Grand Master, admitted that the Lodge had received and acted upon the petitions of individuals who were under indictment for crime, and that the Lodge was apprised of the fact; that the propriety of their admission was made a question; and after mature deliberation and discussion, it was considered that the individuals did not stand as in ordinary cases of indictment. They were men of good standing in

"I adopted the recommendation of the committee with respect to the infliction of punishment upon the Lodge, and deemed that, attention having been called to the subject of caution and circumspection in all proceedings, and especially in the introduction of members into the Masonic family, a great end had been answered, and with this it would be well to let the Lodge off.

"At the same date I wrote to the Secretary of Hancock Lodge No. 20, enjoining said Lodge to make immediate payment of its dues to the Grand Secretary, and to make its returns to me, but have not heard from them since.

"At the same date I addressed the Secretary of Warsaw Lodge No. 21 upon the same subject, and similarly. The reply of Bro. John Montague is hereto attached:

"Your letter of the 22d inst. was duly received on the 29th, directing the attention of Warsaw Lodge to the amount due the Grand Lodge. I inclosed the amount to Bro. Grand Secretary on the 29th inst. We have Bro. Warren's receipt for our dues for the year 1844. I forwarded the amount to him shortly after my return from the Grand Lodge in 1844, but did not get a receipt until the 25th inst.

Faternally,

"To M. W. Grand Master—April 1st, 1846.

"JOHN MONTAGUE."

"I wrote at the same time, and similarly, to the Secretary of Equality Lodge No. 2, and have received no reply.

"At the same time I wrote to P. G. M. Jonas, W. M. of Columbus Lodge No. 6, and similarly, and was informed by him in reply that 'the few brethren who live at Columbus intend to surrender their charter, as they number too few to carry on a Lodge; consequently, that he is not a member of Columbus Lodge.'

"I at the same time wrote to L. Woodward, W. M. of St. John's Lodge No. 13, on the subject of the apparent arrears of his Lodge for three years, and received in reply a letter from the Secretary of his Lodge, herewith transmitted marked C.*

"The matter of Bro. Merritt, referred to in the letter marked C., has been satisfactorily adjusted. W. M. Woodward also replied to my letter satisfactorily.

"I addressed the Secretary of Friendship Lodge No. 7 at the same time, and similarly, and received in reply a letter hereto annexed, marked D.†

"At the same time I addressed the Lodges at Monmouth, Greenville, and Farmington, and hear in reply only concerning the Lodge at Monmouth, and that by means of a courteous letter from its former W. Master, which is herewith transmitted, marked E.‡

society, and respected by their fellow-citizens, and against whom no objection existed except the charge of the indictment, and that that had been obtained by perjured witnesses, suborned for the purpose. The proceedings against the individuals were considered a persecution rather than a prosecution.—*Grand Secretary.*

*The letter here spoken of, with the documents referred to therein, fully exculpates St. John's Lodge No. 13 from the charge of dereliction of duty, and shows that the returns have been punctually made and dues remitted to the Grand Secretary in proper time.—*Grand Lodge Committee.*

† Brother Woods states that the failure of Friendship Lodge No. 7 was entirely accidental, and that prior to the date of the Grand Master's letter, he had remitted the balance due, and for which he had received the Grand Secretary's receipt in full of Grand Lodge dues and Grand Charity fund.—*Grand Lodge Committee.*

‡ It appears from Bro. Edmonson's letter that he had been compelled by ill-health to withdraw from Monmouth Lodge and travel south. He was unable to state the cause of the failure of the Lodge to pay the dues or make returns. Returns, however, were made, and all arrearages and dues paid up, and a charter received at the annual communication of 1846.—*Grand Lodge Committee.*

"These three Lodges have ceased to exist by the very terms of their constitution, and may not, therefore, longer be reckoned among the Lodges of Illinois.

"I was addressed early in March by St. Clair Lodge No. 24, on the subject of a claim to jurisdiction over her, asserted to have been advanced by the Grand Lodge of Missouri, by which her existence appeared to be threatened. I immediately addressed our former R. W. G. Secretary on the subject, and the present Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri. The latter, under date of July 15th, replied to me fully on the subject of Lodge No. 24, and also furnished information respecting other Lodges in this State, which have been, and some that now are, under the jurisdiction of his Grand Lodge, which is of such interest and value that I hereto annex his letter, marked F.*

"From this letter it appears that the brethren at Belleville have been under a strange mistake. The Grand Lodge of Missouri neither claims jurisdiction over them nor dues from them.

"With the W. M. of Milwaukee Lodge, I arranged satisfactorily the amount to be paid by his Lodge to our Grand Lodge for dues in arrears, which I presume has been transmitted to our Grand Secretary.

"In June I had the happiness to terminate the then pending controversy between our Grand Lodge and that of Wisconsin, on the subject of an infringement by that Grand Lodge of our jurisdiction at Galena and Elizabeth, by granting to Far West Lodge a charter, and to Kavanaugh Lodge, at Elizabeth, a dispensation, in place of the authority under which each had before worked.

"At Galena a second Lodge had been constituted, by the Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin; but this irregular organization was speedily abandoned, and now all are united in Far West Lodge Lo. 5, working under the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

"It is delightful to know that a difficulty of serious magnitude with which we were threatened, was adjusted with the preservation of the most kind feeling between all parties concerned. The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, in a truly magnanimous manner, withdrew her claims to jurisdiction in any part of our territory; and the brethren concerned, in a spirit to be found only among good men and true, eagerly sought the correction of the irregularity into which they had fallen, and came gladly to own our Grand Lodge as the mother of them all.

"To achieve the end thus attained, I visited Galena and Elizabeth, and when I say that all things are now well there, I testify only to what I have seen. In both places a visit from R. W. Bro. Barney is greatly desired. I hope he may be continued Grand Lecturer. No one can be sent amongst the Fraternity equally qualified and equally acceptable. His labors are everywhere attended with such profit as is peculiar to instructions given by him. No Mason living can make good his place. It is an unparalleled recommendation of him that he is qualified to serve every department of the Institution.

"Kavanaugh Lodge, at Elizabeth, is to get from the Grand Lodge the amount paid for her dispensation, and pay it, together with her dues, to our Grand Lodge. When her charter issues it will be paid for as usual.

"Far West Lodge is to have a charter in full form, by the payment of the Grand Secretary's fee only.

*The letter from the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, disclaims any demands upon Belleville Lodge, and states that she had regularly withdrawn from their jurisdiction, and by permission of the Grand Lodge.—*Grand Lodge Committee.*

"I yesterday granted a dispensation to Breth. William D. Baird, Barnum D. Mallory and Albert N. Hayden, and the requisite additional brethren, to form and open a Lodge at St. Charles, Kane county, in this State, by the name of 'Unity Lodge,' designating and appointing William D. Baird as Master, Bro. Linden Lathrop as Senior Warden, and Bro. Albert N. Hayden as Junlor Warden—said dispensation to continue in force one year, and to be paid for by an immediate remittance to the Grand Secretary.

"Thus, my brother, have I in great haste, and very imperfectly, furnished an abstract of my actings in the office I have held in connection with the Grand Lodge, for the year now closing. Would that I could report more and more efficient labors. May what I have done prove acceptable to the right minded, and be blessed by the Master above. I retire from my station satisfied of its honors, and satisfied with its cares, its responsibilities, its trials and its duties. I shall now seek the quiet corner, and there rest and muse on what others do, and pray for the peace of Jerusalem. If there shall be in any quarter a reaping of good fruit from seed that I may have sown, I shall be thankful. To be remembered kindly by brethren who are wise hearted, is my wish. They shall live in my memory: may I have a place in theirs and in their prayers. You, R. W. Brother, will not fail to regard me kindly; so will hope your affectionate Friend, Brother, and Companion,

"W. F. WALKER,
G. M. Grand Lodge of Illinois."

On motion of Bro. Lavelly, Breth. McMurtry (26), Mitchell (15), and P. G. M. Walker (33), were appointed a committee to revise the constitution and by-laws.

The following was unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge return their devout thanks to Almighty God, for the fostering care which he has bestowed upon our Ancient Institution during the past year, and for the peace which he has been pleased to grant us in our present convention."

After authorizing the Grand Master to appoint all committees that were required, and had not been appointed "in the proceedings," the Grand Lodge was closed.

BODLEY LODGE NO. 1.

Raisings reported in 1846 were as follows: John W. Dills, Aug. 24; Thomas E. Durant, Sept. 19; J. N. Conyers, Dec. 23; E. J. Phillips and Charles Allen, Dec. 26.

At the meeting of February 2, the resolutions of Harmony Lodge, relating to the admission of negroes, were received and referred. They will be given in another place. The Secretary reported the loss of the charter, whereupon "the Lodge resolved itself into a committee to find the same." Sept. 18, John Barney presided over the Lodge. Bro. Durant was raised by him on the 19th Sept. Sept. 21, the Lodge passed the resolutions, which appear in the proceedings of 1846, relating to

certain resolutions in force. Nov. 30, a brother was suspended until certain charges preferred against him were cleared up, and the consideration of the charges postponed until June 24, 1847.

Dec. 26, officers as follows were elected: J. H. Luce, W. M.; John Crockett, S. W.; E. Conyers, J. W.; Q. S. Barton, Treas.; Louis Watson, Sec.; H. Dills, S. D. Dec. 29, the officers were installed by John Barney.

EQUALITY LODGE NO. 2.

This Lodge held no meetings from August 2d, 1845, to Jan. 3, 1846. No work was done during the year. June 24 (the last meeting held in 1846), the following officers were elected: A. W. Pool, W. M.; T. G. S. Herod, S. W.; John M. Burnett, J. W.; William Siddall, Treas.; Jos. E. Watkins, Sec.; James W. Hamilton and Joshua Bradley, Deacons; John Howard, Tyler.

HARMONY LODGE NO. 3.

This Lodge conferred the Master's degree upon one brother during 1846, viz.: George A. Dunlap, Aug. 18, John Barney presiding.

Jan. 25, the following officers were elected: W. W. Happy, W. M.; J. T. Sigler, S. W.; S. W. Lucas, J. W.; J. J. Cassell, Treas.; A. C. Dickson, Sec.; T. J. Star, Chaplain; James Hurst, Tyler. March 2, Past Grand Master Dunlap moved that the charter of the Lodge be surrendered, which was laid over to the next regular communication for consideration. April 9, this motion was brought up and lost. At this meeting the following action was had: "The Secretary presented a letter from St. Louis Lodge No. 20, Mo., asking of this Lodge the privilege of conferring the degrees of Masonry upon H. S. Fitch, of White Hall, Green county, Illinois; and, upon motion,

"Ordered, That the Secretary be instructed to inform St. Louis Lodge No. 20, that this Lodge is of the opinion that she has no right to grant any such request, believing, as she does, that it is unmasonic for any Lodge to confer the degrees upon any person who is not a resident of the State where such application is made."

June 19, Bro. Warren offered the following:

"Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Lodge, that in case of emergency, she has the right to act upon a petition before it has laid over the regular period of one month."

Upon the passage of this resolution, the yeas and nays were demanded. Those voting in the affirmative were S. W. Lucas (J. W.), John S. Roberts, Jos. Heslep, W. Hamilton, E. J. Dunlap, P. Coffman, C. Ludlum and A. C. Dickson; total, 8. In the negative, W. W. Happy (W. M.) W. S. Hurst, W. B. Warren, W. C. Swett, Mat. Stacey, and James Hurst; total, 7. At this meeting the petition of John J. Hardin for initiation

was received. July 6, the Lodge refused to go into an election for officers for the ensuing six months. July 14, the Lodge adopted the following resolution :

"Resolved, That as John J. Hardin some time since presented his petition to this Lodge, with the fees accompanying the same, for the benefits of Masonry, which petition was not handed in at the regular meeting of this Lodge, and owing to the rules and regulations of our Ancient and Honorable Institution, no person can receive the benefits of Masonry unless his petition has laid over one month, without a dispensation from the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which dispensation has been received by this Lodge for the conferring of the three degrees of Masonry upon John J. Hardin; and as it is out of the power of the petitioner at this time to attend Harmony Lodge No. 3 to receive the degrees of Masonry, this Lodge would most respectfully ask her sister Lodge, Piasa, No. 27, to do her the favor of conferring the degrees of Masonry upon John J. Hardin."

Col. Hardin was at the time on his way to Mexico, a portion of the Illinois troops having rendezvoused at Alton, awaiting transportation. Dec. 28, the following officers were elected: W. W. Happy, W. M.; W. C. Swett, S. W.; W. N. Ross, J. W.; J. Heslep, Sec.; J. J. Cassell, Treas.; James Hurst, Tyler.

SPRINGFIELD LODGE NO. 4.

This Lodge did no work in the Master's degree during the year, except as hereafter mentioned.

Jan. 2, John Barney was present and instructed the Lodge on the first and third degrees. Jan. 3, "Bro. John Nichols, late of Lodge No. 63, New Haven, Connecticut, sent in his Grand Lodge certificate and applied for admission as a visitor, whereupon Bros. Barney, Cabanis, and Francis were appointed a committee to examine the brother. They having retired a sufficient length of time, returned and reported that they were satisfied that he was a regular M. M., but very rusty, whereupon the Lodge resolved to take him through the degree for the purpose of exemplifying the work to the brethren, and also healing Bro. Nichols. The Lodge of M. M. was then dispensed with, and a Lodge of E. A. opened in lieu thereof. The work was then exemplified by taking Bro. Nichols through the ceremonies of initiation." We suppose after that the Lodge was satisfied that Bro. N. was a regularly made Mason. At the same meeting he was passed, and on Jan. 5, raised. March 9, the following was adopted :

"Resolved, That it be the duty of the W. M. to communicate with our M. W. G. M. and inform him that his address, accompanying the proceedings of the last grand communication, was read in open Lodge, and the advice and instruction contained therein was heartily received, and will be properly appreciated; and that the Lodge warmly congratulate the G. M. for his communication, so well calculated to give general satisfaction to every brother."

This was undoubtedly received by Grand Master Walker with feelings that can be well imagined but not described, coming, as it did, amid the shower of denunciatory letters and resolutions he was at that time receiving.

March 16, the Lodge attended the funeral of William Lee D. Ewing, whom, it will be remembered, was made in Vandalia Lodge No. 8, prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of 1822. A suitable address was delivered to the brethren by Bro. Lavelly, after which the customary resolutions were adopted. April 6, Bro. Weber resigned as S. W., and on May 11, Bro. John S. Vredenburg was elected to fill the vacancy, and Bro. William A. Dickey was appointed Senior Deacon, that office having been vacated by the election of Bro. Vredenburg. Aug. 2, the Lodge buried, with the solemn rites of our ritual, the remains of Bro. William Walters. Dec. 28, "it was moved and seconded that the fees of the brethren who volunteered in June last to serve in the war now pending between this country and Mexico, should be remitted to this date."

Officers as follows were elected at this meeting: William Lavelly, W. M.; J. S. Vredenburg, S. W.; John Uhler, J. W.; Maurice Doyle, Treas.; Edmund Frazer, Sec.; Balsar Hiki, Tyler.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 7.

But one brother was raised by this Lodge during 1846, viz.: S. P. Keys, July 13.

Jan. 22, the committee to whom was referred the resolutions of Harmony Lodge and the reply of the Chicago Lodges thereto, reported, which will be found in another place.

June 4, the following officers were elected: Horace Preston, W. M.; D. B. McKenny, S. W.; Seth Whitmore, J. W.; R. B. Loveland, Sec.; L. Wood and F. H. Burroughs, Deacons; Chas. T. Chase and James McKenny, Stewards; James Campbell, Chaplain; A. L. Bull, Tyler. No Treasurer seems to have been elected. No meetings are recorded between July 13, 1846, and Feb. 2, 1847.

MACON LODGE NO. 8.

This Lodge raised the following named brethren during 1846: Isaac C. Pugh, May 20; James M. Draper, June 25.

June 6, the W. M. was directed to apply to the M. W. G. M. for a dispensation empowering the Lodge to receive and act upon the petitions of certain citizens who had volunteered for the war with Mexico, without regard to time.

Nov. 5, the Lodge buried the remains of Bro. George A. Patterson, the first Master of the Lodge.

Nov. 28, the following officers were elected: Henry Prather, W. M.; H. J. Armstrong, S. W.; H. Robinson, J. W.; Henry Hummell, Treas.; W. T. Stamper, Sec.; C. Butler, S. D.; J. M. Draper, J. D.; J. Ashton, Tyler.

Dec. 4, the Committee on Finance reported \$25.19 in the treasury, due to the Lodge, \$179.87; due by the Lodge, \$258.63.

Dec. 21, Bro. Ashton, who had been elected Tyler, refused to be installed, whereupon Bro. David Ralls was elected and installed.

RUSHVILLE LODGE NO. 9.

The return of this Lodge for 1846, is as follows :

Officers.—John Todhunter, W. M.; John B. Seeley, S. W.; Louis Robertson, J. W.; James McCrosky, Treas.; James L. Anderson, Sec.; John Blackford, S. D.; Samuel McCreery, J. D.; David Martin, Steward and Tyler.

Past Masters.—Levi Lusk, Wm. A. Richardson, Columbus E. Cook, James L. Anderson, Hart Fellows.

Master Masons.—Josiah Parrott, Thomas J. Garrett, Alex. Brazleton, Nathan Brooks, Andrew Lacroix, Louis Horton, Adams Dunlap, William Edgar, Peter C. Vance, William Davis, Rensselaer Wells, George B. Rogers, James B. Wright, Bartlett C. Gillam, Wm. Claughbaugh, John C. Bagby, James H. Chick, Abraham Tolles, Martin Reed, Benjamin F. Wyne, J. S. Bailey, Marshall Smith.

Fellow Crafts.—Joseph Montgomery, Isaac Geer, William H. Crawford, Daniel S. Smith.

Entered Apprentices.—Tidener W. Lane, Richard Stevenson, Irwin Lamaster, William Earley.

Initiated.—David Martin, Rev. William Cliff, James B. Wright, Wm. Claughbaugh, J. S. Bailey, Martin Reed, John Thoroughman, William Earley, Richard Stevenson, Daniel S. Smith.

Passed.—David Martin, Rev. William Cliff, James B. Wright, Daniel S. Smith, Wm. Claughbaugh, J. S. Bailey, Martin Reed.

Raised.—David Martin, Rev. Wm. Cliff, James B. Wright, George B. Rogers, Wm. Claughbaugh, J. S. Bailey, Martin Reed, Abraham Tolles.

Admitted.—John C. Bagby.

Rejected.—Horace R. Witt.

Suspended.—Solomon C. Ward, E. A., for non-payment of dues; Isaac Ewing, F. C., for unmasonic conduct; John Thoroughman, E. A., for grossly unmasonic conduct.

JOLIET LODGE NO. 10.

Charter revoked by Grand Master Walker, and a dispensation granted for a new Lodge, to be called "Mt. Joliet," which action was sustained by the Grand Lodge; since which time, the number 10 has been vacant upon the registry of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 13.

This Lodge did no work in the Master's degree during 1846.

There is nothing in the proceedings of the Lodge beyond ordinary Lodge business, excepting the action taken upon the circular of Harmony Lodge, which is given in another place.

June 4, the following officers were elected: Thomas J. Wade, W. M.; Jeremiah B. Lovett, S. W.; Louis Oppenheim, J. W.; William Paul, Treas.; Warren Brown, Sec.; Samuel Norton, S. D.; Samuel Oppenheim, J. D.; William Cook and Dwight W. Baker, Stewards; Luther Woodward, Tyler.

Bro. Brown was a literal Secretary—not only are the doings of the Lodge recorded *in extenso*, but the receipt of every circular, book, and paper, is noted down, as is every action performed by him as Secretary.

WARREN LODGE NO. 14.

The raisings reported by this Lodge during 1846, are as follows: A. R. Stout, April 11; A. L. Hamilton, May 16; A. G. Caldwell, June 15.

Jan. 23, the Lodge buried the remains of Bro. James M. Jones.

June 13, the Lodge agreed to pay one-half the tuition fees of the children of a deceased brother. At the meeting of August 8, the resolutions in regard to an expelled brother, which were published by the Grand Lodge, were adopted.

Sept. 5, resolutions similar to those of Bodley Lodge, regarding a distinct avowal of a belief in the divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures, were passed.

Dec. 28, the following officers were elected: Edgar Bogardus, W. M.; E. R. Roe, S. W.; J. L. Campbell, J. W.; Robert H. Marron, Treas.; J. E. Rearden, Sec.; A. G. Caldwell and J. B. Cockerell, Deacons; Braxton Parrish, Chaplain.

PEORIA LODGE NO. 15.

The following brethren were raised by this Lodge during 1846: ——— Hoyt, May 9; Ezra G. Sanger, June 15; William Dunn, July 4; T. J. Pickett, Nov. 28.

April 11, a petition for a new Lodge at Peoria was recommended.

May 9, Bro. Davis resigned as Master, leaving Bro. Garrett, S. W., to govern the Lodge, and he, on the 22d of May, likewise resigned, whereupon Bro. William Mitchell was elected W. M., and J. E. Carter, S. W.

June 15, the fees paid by Bro. Sanger, for the degrees, were refunded, he having volunteered for the Mexican war. August 1, the recommendation for a new Lodge in Peoria was withdrawn, and the petition ordered returned. Sept. 5, the petitioners for a new Lodge protested against the action of the Lodge in withdrawing its consent to the formation of the same, and presented a new petition, which was rejected by a vote of 7 to 5. Bro. Sweat having resigned as J. W., Bro. William Darst

was elected in his stead. Sept. 26, the vote on the *new* petition for the second Lodge in Peoria was reconsidered, and the desired recommendation was granted without a negative vote.

Dec. 26, the following officers were elected: William Mitchell, W. M.; John E. Carter, S. W.; William Darst, J. W.; Wm. E. Mason, Treas.; Samuel H. Davis, Sec.; Francis A. McNeill, Chaplain; Moritz Brey, Tyler. Appointed: Thomas J. Hurd, Senior, and Joseph Gill, Junior Deacons.

TEMPERANCE LODGE NO. 16.

But one brother was raised by this Lodge during 1846, viz.: Frederick Remann, Feb. 9.

The Lodge held no meetings from Sept. 23, 1845, to Jan. 12, 1846, at which time the election which should have been held in December, 1845, was had, resulting as follows: H. C. Remann, W. M.; Wm. M. Black, S. W.; David D. McKee, J. W.; J. T. B. Stapp, Treas.; D. B. Hodge, Sec'y; Asahel Lee, S. D.; J. D. Gorin, J. D.; Abner Johnston, Tyler.

May 5, the Lodge being advised of the death of Bro. John D. Gorin, which occurred on the 3d May, proceeded to the house of the deceased brother, when a sermon was delivered by Bro. G. J. Burnett, and thence to the cemetery, where the body was buried with the honors of Masonry. No meetings were held from the 5th of May until Sept. 14, when the following appears on record:

"The W. M. informed the Lodge that for want of members and Masons who would attend, there had been no communication of the Lodge for a number of months past, and expressed himself averse to a longer continuation of this state of things, and thought it best to meet regular or resign our charter, in which view the Lodge generally concurred.

"On motion, it was

"*Resolved*, That Breth. Asahel Lee and William M. Black be appointed a committee to see and converse with the Master Masons residing in this county who are not members of our Lodge, and urge them to join us and assist us in this emergency, and also urge them to attend the regular communications of the Lodge, and to report to the Lodge at the next meeting."

No meeting was held in October, and at the meeting of Nov. 9 Breth. Remann, Black, and Lee were the only brethren present. The Lodge was opened, and a petition for affiliation received and referred—two of the committee appointed not being present. Dec. 14, the Lodge held an election of officers. On the first ballot for W. M., Bro. H. C. Remann received two votes, J. W. F. Edmondson, a visiting brother, two votes, Wm. M. Black one vote, and Asahel Lee, one vote. On the second ballot Bro. Remann received one vote, and Bro. Black three, and was declared elected. For Senior Warden, Bro. D. Jerrauld received one

vote, Lee one vote, and Remann two votes, and the latter was declared elected. D. Jerrauld was elected J. W., he receiving two votes, Lee and Stapp one each. The following officers were elected unanimously: J. T. B. Stapp, Treas.; F. Remann, Sec.; Asahel Lee, S. D.; W. T. Hopkins, J. D.; and Moses Phillips, Tyler. Thus after a retirement of one year from an office held nearly eight years, Bro. Phillips again appears among the officers.

MACOMB LODGE NO. 17.

James L. Campbell, Aug. 1, was the only brother upon whom the Master's degree was conferred during the year.

Oct. 3, the following was passed:

"Resolved, That we surrender the charter of Macomb Lodge No. 17, to take effect from this date."

We do not know the cause or causes which led to the adoption of the above resolution, but the Lodge was in a languishing state during this year. No meetings were held in the months of February, July, September, November, and December, 1846, and in fact no meeting was held between Oct. 3, 1846, and Nov. 20, 1847.

LAFAYETTE LODGE NO. 18.

This Lodge made the following return to the Grand Lodge for the year 1846:

"Officers.—Richard J. Hamilton, W. M.; Matthias Taylor, S. W.; Hart L. Stewart, J. W.; H. W. Bigelow, Treas.; C. G. Wicker, Sec.; J. L. Thompson, S. D.; Thomas Brooks, J. D.; Abraham Kohn and J. Y. Sanger, Stewards; I. P. Hatfield, Steward.

"Past Masters.—Carding Jackson, Henry Brown.

"Master Masons.—William Harmon, James H. Sullivan, Jas. Averill, G. B. Fearing, Samuel McKay, James McGuire, W. B. Snowhook, A. Getzler, A. Garrett, Leonard Falch, Francis Edwards, J. L. Howe, L. C. Kercheval, Levi Rosenfelt, John Ferns, J. A. W. Donahoo, F. A. Moore, D. S. Cady, Joseph Filkins, Scott Benedick, Heman Hatch, N. F. Butler, N. W. Watson, J. J. Huntly, S. J. Surdam, B. Neichman, J. J. Jackson, V. H. Eachus, S. J. Lowe, Joseph Rosenburgh, William Lock, Abraham Kohn, Frederick Weis, V. A. Boyce, I. N. Arnold, Martin Dodge, N. Christy, John Pfund, I. C. Miller, J. D. Jennings, William Jackson, John Davis, James Campbell, George Chacksfield, J. M. Lowe, E. Castle, Joseph Rosenbaum, Philip Newburgh, W. H. Wells.

"Entered Apprentices.—Theodore Hubbard, W. J. Comfort.

"Initiated.—Philip Newburgh, W. H. Wells, W. J. Comfort, J. D. Jennings, Theodore Hubbard.

"Passed.—Philip Newburgh, J. D. Jennings.

"Raised.—Philip Newburgh, J. D. Jennings.

"Admitted.—E. Castle, J. C. Miller, Joseph Rosenbaum.

"Demitted.—M. L. Knapp, Lot Whitcomb, W. B. Smith.

"Expelled.—Joshua Bell, William Shurr."

CLINTON LODGE NO. 19.

The return of this Lodge for 1846, which is the only information we can present, reads as follows:

"Officers.—John Bennett, W. M.; Samuel Smith, S. W.; Charles B. Waldo, J. W.; Jacob West, Treas.; Nathan Dresser, Sec.; Lewis B. Wynn, S. D.; Henry Shepherd, J. D.; Aaron B. White, Tyler.

"Past Masters.—David McMurphy, Thomas L. Harris.

"Master Masons.—John B. Broadwell, Martin S. Morris, Charles G. Brooks, Dudley Graham, John McNeal, James Short, A. A. Rankin, A. D. Wright, William Farris.

"Entered Apprentices.—Robert T. Erwin, Thomas Peake.

"Initiated.—William Farris, Thomas Peake, Robert T. Erwin.

"Passed.—William Farris.

"Raised.—William Farris.

"Demitted.—William B. Kirk, Louis Salzenstein, John Allen, Julius Oppenheimer.

"Rejected.—Murton Graham.

"Suspended.—Robert C. Scott."

HANCOCK LODGE NO. 20.

The following appears in the proceedings of 1846 relative to this Lodge: "The Grand Lodge has been unofficially informed that this Lodge has surrendered its charter. It has never been returned."

WARSAW LODGE NO. 21.

Brother T. L. Barns, March 17, was the only raising reported by this Lodge during 1846.

It will be remembered that the Grand Lodge, at its session of 1845, directed an investigation to be made into certain action of Warsaw Lodge, in conferring the degrees of Masonry upon persons under indictment for crime. Bro. Lusk, then Grand Secretary, addressed the Lodge a communication in regard to the matter. The letter was referred to Bro. John Montague for answer, who reported the following to the Lodge on the 14th of March:

"WARSAW, March 9th, 1846.

"BROTHER LUSK:—Sir, your letter of the 5th inst., referring me to resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge, at the last regular communication—also making inquiry concerning the initiation of certain individuals into the Lodge, who

were at the time under indictment, was duly received. At a regular meeting of the Lodge on the 9th inst., I laid your letter before the Lodge for their consideration. On motion of Bro. C. Hay, the Lodge requested me to answer that part of your letter making inquiry in relation to initiating, passing, and raising certain individuals under indictment. The facts were as follows:

"At a regular meeting of the Lodge on the 23d Sept. 1844, the petition of J. C. Davis was received, read, filed, and ordered to lie over until the next regular meeting of the Lodge. Bro. Stephens and Aldrich were appointed a committee to inquire into the character and standing of the applicant. At a regular meeting of the Lodge on the 21st of Oct., 1844, the committee reported favorable. On motion, the ballot was taken and found clear. On motion, Mr. Davis was introduced and initiated. At a regular meeting of the Lodge on the 4th Nov., 1844, at the request of Bro. Davis, to be passed to the second degree—on motion, the ballot was taken and found clear. On motion, he was introduced and passed. At a regular meeting of the Lodge on the 18th Nov.—on motion, the ballot was taken to raise Bro. Davis, and found clear. On motion, he was introduced and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

"At a regular meeting of the Lodge on the 18th Nov., 1844. The petitions of T. C. Sharp and Levi Williams were received, read, filed, and ordered to lie over until the next regular meeting of the Lodge. Bros. Aldrich and Stephens were appointed a committee to inquire into the character and standing of the applicants. At a regular meeting of the Lodge on the 16th of Dec., 1844, the ballots were taken separately for Messrs. Sharp and Williams, and found clear. On motion, Mr. Williams was introduced and initiated. At an adjourned meeting of the Lodge, on the 28th Dec. 1844, on motion, Bro. Williams was introduced and passed to the second degree. At an adjourned meeting of the Lodge Feb. 18th., 1845, the ballot was taken to raise Bro. Williams to the degree of Master Mason, and found clear. And at a regular meeting of the Lodge on the 17th of March, 1845, on motion, Bro. Williams was introduced and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, agreeable to ancient form.

"At a regular meeting of the Lodge on the 16th Dec., 1844, the ballot was taken to initiate Mr. Sharp, and found clear. On motion, he was introduced and initiated. At an adjourned meeting of the Lodge on the 6th Jan., 1845, on motion, the ballot was taken to pass Bro. Sharp, and found clear. At an adjourned meeting of the Lodge on the 9th Jan., 1845, on motion, Bro. Sharp was introduced and passed to the second degree.

"We believed at the time we balloted for candidates to be passed and raised, at adjourned meetings, we were not violating any of the ancient landmarks of the institution. We see the Grand Lodge recommend a different course. We are not disposed to violate any regulation of the Grand Lodge by which a subordinate Lodge shall be governed.

"At the time said petitions were presented, the fact of these individuals being under indictment for the murder of Joseph and Hiram Smith, was referred to, and the question of the propriety of their admission fully discussed. It was admitted that those individuals were worthy members of society, and respected by their fellow citizens—no objection to their initiation therefore existed, except the fact of the pending of the afore-mentioned indictment. In relation to the matter, it was argued that the indictment was no evidence of crime; in this instance, particularly, it was publicly known that the indictment against said applicants had been procured by the testimony of perjured witnesses who had

been suborned by the Mormans, for the purpose of procuring indictments against certain prominent men of the county, who had become obnoxious to them. The standing of those individuals in the community had not been at all impaired by the indictment, but, on the contrary, they were regarded with greater consideration than before, from the fact that they had been particularly selected as the victims of Mormon vengeance. The community regarded the proceedings against them as a persecution rather than a prosecution, and the event of the final trial proved the correctness of the conclusion. Under these circumstances, it could not be considered that those individuals should be regarded in the light that persons ordinarily are, who are arraigned for crime—besides this, Bro. M. Aldrich, who has held an honorable standing in the Fraternity for upwards of twenty years, was also under indictment for the same offense. There would therefore seem to be equally as good grounds for his suspension, as for rejecting the petitions of the individuals referred to. But to do this when there was no evidence of his guilt, would be to reverse the fundamental principles of the Order, and cast off a brother because he was in trouble. The action of the Lodge in the case referred to, was not without due deliberation. If we have erred, we were not aware we were infringing any of the usages or regulations of our ancient and honorable Order. Yet, if we have erred, we do not feel disposed to shrink from any responsibility that may rest on our Lodge, touching the subject under consideration. We hope the above will prove satisfactory to yourself and the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

“Very respectfully,

“JOHN MONTAGUE.”

“At an adjourned meeting of the Lodge on the 14th inst., the foregoing report was submitted to the Lodge for their consideration. On motion of Bro. J. Berry :

“*Resolved*, That the report of Bro. Montague be received and adopted, and he be requested to forward a copy to Bro. Lusk.

“WARSAW, HANCOCK COUNTY, ILL.

“I, E. F. Chittenden, Secretary of Warsaw Lodge No. 21, do certify that the foregoing report is a true copy, as appears from the record book of said Lodge, and unanimously adopted at an adjourned meeting of the Lodge on the 14th of March, 1846.

“E. F. CHITTENDEN, *Secretary*.”

June 6, the following officers were elected: John Montague, W. M.; W. H. Roosevelt, S. W.; R. Miller, J. W.; G. Rockwell, Treas.; E. F. Chittenden, Sec.; S. Brown and C. C. Stephens, Deacons; German Andrews, Tyler. Sept. 28, the delegate to the Grand Lodge was instructed to vote against all the proposed amendments to the constitution and by-laws.

MILWAUKEE LODGE NO. 22.

Grand Master Walker reported to the Grand Lodge of 1846 that this Lodge had passed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. Since that time No. 22 has been vacant on the register of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. This Lodge is now Milwaukee Lodge No. 3, under the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

CASS LODGE NO. 23.

The records of this Lodge for 1846, in our possession, include only the months of January and February. As we have no records beyond this, we must present the returns of this Lodge for 1846, in lieu of other information :

“ Officers.—R. F. Kippinburg, W. M.; Virginius A. Turpin, S. W.; Thomas Eyres, J. W.; George B. Thompson, Treas.; John B. Taylor, Sec.; Charles Sprague, S. D.; W. J. DeHaven, J. D.; James Hill, Steward and Tyler.

“ Past Masters.—P. Underwood, R. F. Kippinburg, Amos Bonny, Orin Warner.

“ Master Masons.—N. B. Thompson, George Moore, James Logan, Jas. McClure, Samuel D. Newman, H. I. Bartlett, John Seaman, E. J. Dutch, James Knowles, John McConnell, John McKown, L. L. Maine, W. Chapman, Samuel Johnson.

“ Initiated.—Charles Sprague, James McClure, Samuel D. Newman, John Seaman, James Hill, John McKown, W. Chapman, Samuel Johnson.

“ Passed.—Charles Sprague, James McClure, Samuel D. Newman, John Seaman, James Hill, John McKown, W. Chapman, Samuel Johnson.

“ Raised.—Charles Sprague, James McClure, Samuel D. Newman, John Seaman, James Hill, John McKown, W. Chapman, Samuel Johnson.

“ Admitted.—John McConnell, H. I. Bartlett, L. L. Maine.

“ Demitted.—Samuel D. Newman, James McKeever.

“ Rejected.—James Hope, John N. Deaver.

“ Suspended.—C. S. Van Alstine, for profane swearing and intemperance.”

ST. CLAIR LODGE NO. 24.

Breth. Phillip Werheim, May 19; L. D. Cabana, May 22; Jacob C. Hinkley, June 15; A. Bradford, Sept. 29; David Miley, Nov. 12, were raised by No. 24 during 1846.

Feb. 21, the Lodge “attended the funeral of Bro. John Smith, physician.” In the record of April 21, we find the following entry: “Visiting, Bro. Henry Todd, Madison Lodge No. 3, Lower Alton.” Either this is a mistake of the Secretary, or the Lodge was imposed upon, for no such Lodge ever to our knowledge had an existence. May 19, Bro. Werheim was raised without an examination, and without regard to time, as he was about to depart for the “frontier of Mexico.” June 15, Bro. Reany resigned as W. M. Dec. 26, the following officers were elected: C. G. Y. Taylor, W. M.; John C. Stewart, S. W.; L. D. Cabana, J. W.; John Mace, Treas.; Wm. M. Parker, Sec.; Fieldon

Powers, S. D.; N. Huly, J. D.; G. W. Hook, Tyler. At this meeting the office of "Marshal" was dropped.

FRANKLIN LODGE NO. 25.

The return of this Lodge to the Grand Lodge for 1846 is as follows:

Officers.—Charles Howard, W. M.; Harvey L. Summers, S. W.; Daniel M. Kittenger, J. W.; George Lebold, Treas.; Eliakim Thorp, Sec.; Jacob Rader, S. D.; —, J. D.; Henry Stoeckel, Steward and Tyler.

Past Masters.—John Higham, Charles Howard.

Master Masons.—John Bostwick, Elihu Pembroke, Wm. Lowe, Jr., William H. Blanford, D. F. Wendell, Luther W. Lyon, Peter Merrill.

Fellow Craft.—William Kiersey.

Initiated.—Eliakim Thorp, William H. Blanford, Peter Merrill, Wm. Kiersey.

Passed.—Eliakim Thorp, William H. Blanford, Peter Merrill.

Raised.—Eliakim Thorp, William H. Blanford, Peter Merrill."

HIRAM LODGE NO. 26.

The Master's degree was conferred by this Lodge during 1846 as follows: Isaac Gullihur, Jan. 10; Jonas J. Hedstrom, May 9; Isaac A. Davison, June 26; Geo. W. Lynes, Sept. 5; Thomas Champion, Nov. 28.

Jan. 10, the following officers were elected: Luman Field, W. M.; William McMurtry, S. W.; Stephen Hitchcock, J. W.; N. D. Morse, Treas.; Jas. Price, Sec.; E. H. King, Assistant Sec.; J. J. Jackson, Tyler.

PIASA LODGE NO. 27.

The third degree was conferred by this Lodge during 1846 upon the following brethren: Thomas Brown, April 18; Joseph Brown, June 13; J. W. Baker, June 23; Isaac E. Hardy, June 28; John J. Hardin, July 16; J. C. Winters, July 17; Charles Cohen and Jeduthan P. Hardy, July 19; William Vale, Aug. 6; E. C. March, Aug. 7; F. Mannel, Oct. 21; G. H. Weigler, Nov. 28; W. F. D'Wolf, Dec. 1; R. S. Hollenback, Dec. 4; H. W. Henckle, Dec. 5; B. A. Carpenter, Dec. 11; James M. Taggart, Dec. 29.

In the record of the 20th January we find resolutions expressive of the deep regret of the Lodge upon learning the death of Bro. Samuel G. Bailey. There is nothing upon the record to indicate that Bro. Bailey was buried by the Lodge, and we are inclined to the opinion that, from the tenor of the record, Brother Bailey died away from home. Feb. 10, the following was passed, on motion of Bro. Ketchum:

Resolved, That we, as a band of brother Freemasons, regard the decease of a worthy brother as a bereavement by the hand of Providence justly calculated to implant in us emotions of lasting remembrance.

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Lodge, that though we be separated from a deceased brother by such dispensation, we believe the sprig of evergreen deposited in his grave to be truly an expression of our sincerity in the belief that though his body dies, his spirit ever lives.

"Resolved, That we, as a Lodge, with the consent of the friends of a deceased brother, will, as soon as convenient, plant at the head of his grave a tree of evergreen, and protect and nurse the same as a memorial of perpetual remembrance."

May 17, the Lodge buried the remains of Bro. Wesley Noland. June 13, an invitation from the Lodges in St. Louis to join with them in the celebration of St. John's Day, was received and accepted. July 14, the petition of John J. Hardin was received, referred, acted on instantler, and on the following day he was initiated and passed. Breth. Hardy (J. P.), and Cohen were initiated, passed, and raised, at two meetings of the Lodge on the same day (July 19, 9 o'clock A. M., and 2 o'clock P. M.), their petitions being deemed cases of emergency, they having volunteered for the "war with Mexico."

Dec. 19, officers as follows were elected: J. W. Schweppe, W. M.; J. C. Ketchum, S. W.; Nelson G. Edwards, J. W.; Edward Keating, Sec.; S. R. Dolbee, Treas.; B. A. Carpenter, Tyler. The following appointments were made: Joseph Brown, S. D.; Thomas Brown, J. D. The thanks of the Lodge were then tendered Brother Souther for the "dignified and impartial manner with which he had presided over its deliberations." St. John's Day (Dec. 27), was duly celebrated by Franklin and Piasa Lodges on the 28th Dec., the 27th falling on Sunday. Bro. Nelson G. Edwards delivered an address upon the occasion.

MONROE LODGE NO. 28.

We are now able to present a synopsis of the transactions of this Lodge from the time of its formation:

1844.

"Saturday, July 6, 1844, Monroe Lodge, U. D., met pursuant to former notice at their Lodge-room in the village of Waterloo, under the authority of a dispensation from the G. L. of Illinois, and held their first meeting.

"PRESENT:

"Breth. W. H. GAYLE, W. M.
E. P. ROGERS, S. W.
J. A. FRANK, J. W.
MOSES HART, Sec.
JOHN COLEMAN, Treas.
"Visiting Bro. ——— TOMA, S. D.
" " JOHN MACE, J. D.
E. H. TALBOT, Tyler.

"VISITING BRETHREN:

"J. A. WAYNE, JOHN DUPUYT, C. G. Y. TAYLOR, GEORGE KELLY, and DANIEL CONVERSE."

The visiting brethren, with the exception of DePuyt and Converse, were members of St. Clair Lodge, by which Lodge the petition of Monroe Lodge was recommended. Where Breth. DePuyt and Converse hailed from, we are unable to state.

"The Lodge was opened in due and ancient form, after which the W. M. lectured a short time on the first degree of Masonry. The Entered Apprentice's degree was then dispensed with (Bros. Converse and Wayne left the room by request), and opened in the Fellow Craft's degree, which was also dispensed with and opened in the Master's degree, after which a petition from Daniel Converse was received and referred to the following committee, viz.: Bros. Coleman, Frank, and Talbot. Also, one from J. A. Wayne, which was referred to Breth. Rodgers, Coleman, and Talbot. Another petition from John DePuyt, for membership, was received, and referred to Bros. Talbot, Coleman, and Hart; also, a petition from William Simpson, referred to Breth. Hart, Rodgers, and Talbot, after which the Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, until 7 o'clock this evening."

The Lodge conferred the third degree during 1844 upon the following brethren: J. A. Wayne and William Simpson, July 17; Daniel Converse, August 24; Bradley Rust and James M. Johnson, Oct. 19.

Sept. 21, the fees and dues for one year of Breth. Bradley, Rust, and James Johnson were remitted, they having "suffered heavily by the late flood." There is no mention of the receipt of the charter, and no indication that such an instrument had been received, beyond the change in the heading of the record, from "Monroe Lodge U. D.," to "Monroe Lodge No. 28."

In the record of Nov. 23, we find that Bro. Simpson was substituted upon a committee in place of "our respected brother, J. C. James, deceased," and that a committee was appointed to inquire into the condition of the orphan children of the deceased brother. Dec. 21, the following officers were elected: W. H. Gayle, W. M.; E. P. Rodgers, S. W.; John A. Frank, J. W.; James M. Johnson, Treas.; Daniel Converse, Sec.; John Coleman and Bradley Rust, Deacons; E. H. Talbot, Tyler, and Moses Hart, Marshal.

1845.

The third degree was conferred as follows: Jeremiah Coleman and W. W. Miller, March 22; Charles H. Prusker, June 14; Luke Coon, July 19; John A. Reed, Oct. 11; Valentine Routt, Nov. 8; John Morrison, Dec. 13.

1846.

The third degree was conferred as follows: John J. Green, Jan. 10; Elam Rust, Feb. 22; Cortez Crocker, March 7; Charles Dickey, March 21; Robert H. Porter, May 9; John Cosgrove and X. F. Trail, June 6, the latter being considered a case of emergency, as the brother had

"entered the service of his country," and was "expecting to march immediately;" John Kidd and William Wackerly, Sept. 5.

June 6, an election was held, resulting in the choice of Breth. E. P. Rogers, W. M.; John Coleman, S. W.; Elam Rust, J. W.; John A. Reed, Treas.; Daniel Converse, Sec.; Luke Coon and Robert H. Porter, Deacons; Charles H. Prusker, Tyler. June 6, Bro. C. H. Kettler presented the Lodge a "drum," in anticipation of the celebration of St. John's Day, June 24, which day was duly celebrated. The Lodge met in the "Methodist meeting-house," the officers were duly installed, and an oration delivered by Bro. Elam Rust.

Dec. 28, the Lodge celebrated St. John's Day, an oration being delivered by Bro. C. G. Y. Taylor.

PEKIN LODGE NO. 29.

The first meeting of this Lodge was held July 11, 1843. There were present Leonard Knott, W. M.; Daniel Tanney, S. W.; Samuel P. Bailey, J. W.; Wm. B. Dolittle, Treas.; J. B. Doolittle, Sec.; E. S. Mark, S. D.; — Fitch, J. D.; and Francis Johnson, Tyler; also, the following visitors from Peoria Lodge No. 15: Samuel H. Davis, Augustus O. Garrett, J. B. Carter, John D. Finch, Wm. S. Mason, James Mossman, and J. J. Tappan. The Lodge having been opened on the first degree, the officers were duly installed by Bro. Davis. The Lodge was then opened on the third degree, and, for the purpose "of practicing," the third degree was conferred upon Bro. J. J. Tappan, "he to pay the fee to that Lodge" [No. 15.]. William Moore, A. R. Skidmore, Dec. 2, received the Master's degree during 1843.

1844.

Raisings as follows: Middleton Tackaberry, Jan. 3; John R. Crandall, Feb. 13; Warren Oliver and J. G. Lenhart, Feb. 20; Peter A. Brower and Henry Tew, Feb. 24; John Myers, March 16; William H. Homes, March 30; Walden Porter, Richard H. Snell, and David Bailey, June 13.

Jan. 3, the Lodge buried the remains of Bro. William Moore, the first one upon whom the Lodge had conferred the third degree. Bro. Samuel H. Davis, who presided at his raising, was present at his funeral, and acted as Master during the last sad rites.

Feb. 10, "the compliments of J. Sickler were read to the Lodge, and accompanying his letter was his set of Masonic jewels, which he proposed loaning the Lodge until he might want them; consisting of one square, plumb, keys, pens, a hammer, and two Deacons' jewels or triangles.

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Lodge be tendered Bro. Sickler, and an invitation to visit the Lodge."

March 16, the Master "gave a short lecture on the impropriety of the brethren talking out of the Lodge of who is and who wishes to be Masons."

June 24, election as follows: Leonard Knott, W. M.; Daniel Tanney, S. W.; Middleton Tackaberry, J. W.; Irwin B. Doolittle, Treas.; William Wilkey, Sec.; Warren Oliver, Chaplain; John R. Crandall, Tyler.

1845.

Raisings as follows: Septer Wintermute and Peleg Hibbert, Jan. 31; S. S. Porter, David Corwin, W. C. Quigley, and Samuel Mayer, April 18; Joseph S. Maus, May 17; William Shannon, Oct 21.

March 15, the remains of Bro. Francis Johnson were buried by the Lodge.

June 14, officers, as follows, elected: John R. Crandall, W. M.; Dan'l Tanney, S. W.; M. Tackaberry, J. W.; W. H. Homes, Treas.; J. G. Lenhart, Sec.; A. Woolston, Chaplain; Peleg Hibbert, Tyler. The charter granted this Lodge, at the session of the Grand Lodge in 1844, was not received until June 14, 1845, and on August 18 the Lodge was duly constituted by Samuel H. Davis.

1846.

We have no records of 1846 (excepting the month of January) in our possession. We therefore present the return for that year:

"*Officers.*—William H. Holmes, W. M.; Middleton Tackaberry, S. W.; Joseph S. Maus, J. W.; Rev. Abraham Woolston, Chaplain; David Bailey, Treas.; Theodore A. Walker, Sec.; Benjamin S. Prettyman, S. D.; David Corwin, J. D.; William Shannon, Tyler.

"*Past Master.*—John R. Crandall.

"*Master Masons.*—Samuel P. Bailey, Samuel P. Hebbard, Webb C. Quigley, Peter A. Brower, Peleg Hebbard, Turner A. King, Henry Tew, Daniel Tanney, Waldron Porter, Samuel Mayers, John L. Lenhart, Wm. B. Doolittle, Lorenzo D. Hamilton, Matthias App, William Wilkey, Irwin Doolittle, Richard H. Snell.

"*Entered Apprentices.*—Solomon Kahn, Rev. R. West, Austin E. Burns, John Filliken.

"*Initiated.*—Theodore A. Walker, Rev. Eli N. Powell, Austin E. Burns, Benjamin S. Prettyman, Solomon Kahn, Rev. R. West.

"*Passed.*—Theodore A. Walker, Rev. Eli N. Powell, Benjamin S. Prettyman, Lorenzo D. Hamilton.

"*Raised.*—Theodore A. Walker, William Shannon, Rev. Eli N. Powell, Benjamin S. Prettyman, Joseph Mitchell, Lorenzo D. Hamilton.

"*Demitted.*—Leonard A. Knott, Alden Wilkey, Samuel P. Hebbard, Rev. Eli N. Powell, Benjamin Kellogg, Jr., Joseph Mitchell, Elijah S. Mark.

"*Suspended.*—Septer Wintermute, Clark Cutler, Andrew R. Skidmore, John Mayers, for non-payment of dues.

MOUNT VERNON NO. 31.

This Lodge, the dispensation for which was granted as Jefferson, held its first meeting on the 29th of April, 1844. The meeting was presided over by "R. W. J. T. Bradley, D. D. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, under special deputation, to install the officers, &c." The minutes of this meeting are in the peculiar hand-writing of Bro. Bradley.

The brethren present were: Alexander H. Barnes, W. M.; Wm. W. Bennett, S. W.; Noah Johnston, J. W.; H. P. Boyakin, Treas., *p. t.*, acting for Joseph Pace; Thomas Philp, Sec.; Wm. H. Short, S. D.; Wm. A. Thomas, J. D.; Amaziah Pilcher, Tyler, *p. t.*, acting for Stephen G. Hicks.

The petition for the dispensation of this Lodge was recommended by Marion Lodge No. 69, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Of the brethren present at this meeting, Bro. Bradley was W. M. of Clinton Lodge, at Carlyle. Barnes and Johnston were formerly members of Marion Lodge No. 69, of which Lodge Boyakin was at the time W. M., and Pilcher a member.

The following brethren of Marion Lodge were also present: John A. Goudy and W. H. H. Barnes.

The officers were then installed and the Lodge set to work. No work beyond two initiations was done in 1844. No meetings were held from October 7th, 1844, until April 19th, 1845.

1845.

Raisings: Thomas S. Roe and Edward H. Ridgway, June 3; T. B. Cantril, July 21; Daniel Kinney and Robert F. Wingate, Aug. 18; Joel F. Watson, Aug. 19; George Mills and Downing Baugh, Oct. 13; James M. Hoage, —.

June 24, the following election took place: William W. Bennett, W. M.; William A. Thomas, S. W.; William H. Short, J. W.; Edward H. Ridgway, Treas.; Noah Johnston, Sec.; David Dow, Tyler. The Lodge then proceeded to the "Methodist E. C. House," where the officers were duly installed by E. H. Gatewood, of Warren Lodge No. 14. Sept. 8, the delegate to the Grand Lodge was directed to vote for the removal of the Grand Lodge from Jacksonville to Springfield, and also to have the name of the Lodge changed from Jefferson to Mt. Vernon. Oct. 13, the charter of the Lodge was received, and the Lodge duly constituted as Mount Vernon Lodge No. 31.

1846.

Raisings as follows: James B. Hinde, May 2; Richard S. Nelson, March 17; George W. Akin, April 6; Francis H. Edwards, May 26; Samuel K. Casey, June 9; William Thomas Williams, Sept. 14; Wm. S. Crawford, Nov. 28; James W. Hare, Dec. 3.

March 6, the Lodge buried Bro. David Dow, who departed this life "Wednesday, March 4th, A. D. 1846, at about 5 o'clock P. M." A sermon was preached on this occasion by Rev. John Van Cleve, at the request of the Lodge.

March 7, "The Secretary presented to the Chair the implements of the Tyler's office, and announced the death of Bro. David Dow, Tyler." Bro. Daniel Kinney was then appointed.

June 24, election as follows: William W. Bennett, W. M.; Downing Baugh, S. W.; George Mills, J. W.; Daniel Kinney, Treas.; Joel F. Watson, Sec.; Noah Johnston, Tyler. Breth. Robert F. Wingate and Wm. H. Short, were appointed Deacons. Francis H. Edwards and Thomas Philp, Stewards.

July 6, "Bro. J. B. Hinde offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit.:

"Resolved, That there be a committee of one appointed monthly, to ascertain, report upon, and attend to the wants of sick or indigent Masons, their widows or orphans, within the jurisdiction of this Lodge."

Bro. Hinde was appointed for the month of July. There appears upon the records of this Lodge evidences of appropriations for indigent Masons and the widows of Masons at almost every regular meeting. Sometimes one case is reported, but oftener two, and occasionally three. The record of Mt. Vernon Lodge, in this respect, is emphatically good.

APOLLO LODGE NO. 32.

Return for 1846:

"Officers.—John R. Case, W. M.; Cornelius Lansing, S. W.; Charles R. Starkweather, J. W.; Charles Follansbee, Treas.; William H. Adams, Sec.; J. Herman Bird, S. D.; Carlton Holland, J. D.; James A. Marshall, Joseph Keen, Stewards; J. L. Thompson,* Tyler.

"Past Masters.—William Stuart, John Barney.

"Master Masons.—John Brinkerhoff, Charles H. Larabee, Joseph C. Brautigam, Adam Gibbs, John A. Ruckhart, J. Milo Strail, M. Leopold, Lyman Mower, E. W. Herrick, Charles R. Vander Cook, Alonzo G. Huntington, Sylvester N. Rice, William M. Jackson, James Long, John Wentworth, L. W. Clark, Edward R. Harmon, Cyprian C. Norton.

"Fellow Crafts.—J. B. F. Russell, M. M. Hayden.

"Entered Apprentice.—Justin Butterfield, Jr.

"Admitted.—M. Leopold, Lyman Mower, Edward R. Harmon, Cyprian C. Norton.

"Demitted.—William Stuart.

"Died.—Stephen S. Coruell, Guy Wadhams.

"Expelled.—Pliny Miles."

*Not a member of this Lodge.

ORIENTAL LODGE NO. 33.

The first entry upon the records of this Lodge reads as follows: "Lafayette No. 18, the oldest Lodge in the city of Chicago, having so prospered from its commencement to the year 1842, as to have become in the course of last season, mother to Apollo Lodge No. 32, and by the month of July, in the present year, notwithstanding, as to have acquired members beyond the limit recommended by the Masonic constitutions and by the Grand Lodge of the State, a number of its members resolved upon the formation of yet another Lodge, believing that the interests of the Order would be thereby most effectually promoted.

"With this view, a meeting was held, and, after consultation, the following form of a petition was drawn up, signed, and authorized to be presented to the Most Worshipful D. G. M. of the State, viz.:"

Here follows the petition in the usual form, signed by W. B. Herrick, J. V. Z. Blaney, George Davis, W. H. Davis, William Henry, Hamilton Hough, C. L. Schlatter, W. S. Brown, S. W. Sherman, Samuel Hoard, W. F. Walker, Reuben Taylor. Then follows a transcript of the recommendation of Lafayette Lodge, followed by a copy of the dispensation granted by Grand Master Lusk, and which also bears the name of "Carding Jacksonville." If the "ville" had been left off, the copy of the signature would have been correct. The dispensation bears date August 8, 1845, and on the 9th of August, 1845, the first meeting was held. This is evidence almost conclusive that the dispensation was granted by Carding Jackson, then Deputy Grand Master, because it was impossible that the dispensation could have gone from Rushville to Chicago in one day—and even now, in the days of almost unlimited speed in travel, it is a matter of doubt that a communication could reach Chicago from Rushville in one day.

The brethren present at the first meeting were: William F. Walker, W. M.; W. B. Herrick, S. W.; C. L. Schlatter, J. W.; J. V. Z. Blaney, S. W. Sherman, W. H. Davis, Hamilton Hough; visiting brethren: W. H. Adams, Charles R. Starkweather, and J. R. Case, of No. 32. The dispensation was read, by-laws adopted, and the Lodge set to work.

Dec. 20, the Lodge resolved itself into "a committee of the whole, Bro. John R. Case in the Chair, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing twelve months," which resulted in the election of the following: J. V. Z. Blaney, W. M.; W. B. Herrick, S. W.; C. L. Schlatter, J. W.; Samuel Hoard, Treas.; George Davis, Sec.; Hamilton Hough, S. D.; T. A. Stewart, J. D.; W. H. Davis and S. W. Sherman, Stewards; W. F. Walker, Chaplain; I. P. Hatfield, Tyler. In this list of officers were two future Grand Masters, viz.: Walker and Herrick.

1846.

Raisings as follows: Samuel Barry, March 31; George Ryer, April 18.

Dec. 19, the following officers were elected: James V. Z. Blaney, W. M.; George Davis, S. W.; C. L. Schlatter, J. W.; Samuel Hoard, Treas.; L. P. Hilliard, Sec.; George Ryer, S. D.; N. C. Geer, J. D.; — Thompson, Tyler; — Mitchell, Chaplain; — Thompson, W. H. Davis, and S. W. Sherman, Stewards.

BARRY LODGE NO. 34.

The return of this Lodge for 1846, is here presented:

“ Officers.—Michael Gard, W. M.; Joseph Jackson, S. W.; George Wike, J. W.; W. J. Allkire, Treas.; E. Hurt, Sec.; Eli Longnecker, S. D.; David Wike, J. D.; Josiah Lippencott, Steward and Tyler.

“ Past Masters.—Michael Gard, W. J. Allkire, David Wike, Eli Longnecker, George Wike.

“ Master Masons.—R. W. Scanland, John P. Grubb, I. N. Love, I. T. Hide, William Fugate, John Watson, J. B. Donalson.

“ Fellow Craft.—A. S. Pettit.

“ Entered Apprentices.—William Lippincott, Andrew Longnecker, A. F. Bell.

“ Initiated.—R. W. Scanland, I. N. Love, I. T. Hide, William Lippincott, Andrew Longnecker, John Watson, J. B. Donalson, A. S. Pettit, A. F. Bell.

“ Passed.—R. W. Scanland, John Watson, J. B. Donalson, A. S. Pettit, John P. Grubb, I. N. Love, I. T. Hide.

“ Raised.—David Wike, John P. Grubb, I. N. Love, I. T. Hide, R. W. Scanland, John Watson, J. B. Donalson.

“ Suspended.—W. William Cotteral.

CHARLESTON LODGE NO. 35.

The first meeting of this Lodge was held Aug. 27, 1845, at which the following brethren were present: W. D. Gage, W. M.; E. Roach, S. W.; Adam Mitchell, J. W.; James Watson, Sec. No work in the third degree, during 1845, was done by this Lodge.

1846.

Raisings as follows: James L. Corethers and John A. Mitchell, Jan. 28; John Mills, Feb. 3; A. P. Dunbar, May 5; George McDaniel, June 2; William Patton, July 7; A. G. Mitchell, July 18; E. G. Earnheart, July 20; William Haden, Sept. 1; Edward Evey, Sept. 2; William Horr, Nov. 24; N. W. Chapman, Nov. 27; A. H. Chapman, Dec. 3.

June 24, the following election was had: Edmund Roach, W. M.; Alexander P. Dunbar, S. W.; John Mills, Jr., J. W.; Adam Mitchell, Treas.; John A. Mitchell, Sec.; Green L. Guthrie, S. D.; Wm. B. Mills, J. D.; Jacob Linder, Tyler. August 10, Bro. Roach resigned as W. M., and was demitted.

OCCIDENTAL LODGE NO. 40.

Raised during 1846: L. Leland, Jan. 2; T. Lyle Dickey and J. O. Glover, Jan. 17; Burton C. Cook, Feb. 24; William Osman, June 13; Selby Dolittle, —; — Reddick, Nov. 30. Feb. 6, Breth. C. V. Kelly, Jno. D. Caton, T. Lyle Dickey, M. H. Swift, and L. Leland were appointed a committee on the resolutions of Harmony Lodge. Feb. 24, Bro. John Barney presided, at which time B. C. Cook was raised. June 13, William Osman was raised, the record stating that the reason for the apparent haste (he having been passed June 12), was the fact that "Bro. Osman intended leaving the country for Mexico."

June 23, the following officers were elected: John D. Caton, W. M.; G. L. Thompson, S. W.; Joseph Avery, J. W.; L. Leland, Treas; J. O. Glover, Sec.; B. C. Cook and Marshal Miller, Deacons. Aug. 21, James Lafferty was appointed Tyler. Oct. 10, the Lodge was duly constituted as No. 40, Bro. Caton being installed as Master.

It will be remembered that in 1843 Grand Master Jonas granted a dispensation for a Lodge at Kaskaskia, to be called Western Star Lodge. This Lodge did some work and made one return, but, not being prosperous, its dispensation was surrendered. The Lodge organized at Farmington, Fulton county, was removed to Canton, and is now No. 30. A dispensation was also granted for a Lodge at Greenville, Bond county, at an early period in the organization of the present Grand Lodge, but the Lodge was never organized.

CHAPTER XX.

THE ORIGIN OF SECTIONS 81 AND 82, GRAND LODGE BY-LAWS.

At a meeting of Harmony Lodge No. 3, held at their hall in Jacksonville, on the first day of December, 1845, Bro. John S. Roberts "read a preamble and resolutions in relation to the admission of negroes into the Masonic Fraternity, and, on motion of Bro. A. Dunlap, and seconded by Bro. George Henry, the preamble and resolutions were referred to a committee of three; whereupon, Breth. A. Dunlap, Roberts, and J. Heslep were appointed said committee, and, on motion, the Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow evening, at 6 o'clock P. M." The brethren present at this meeting were, W. W. Happy, W. M.; S. W. Lucas, S. W., *p. t.*; A. Dunlap, J. W., *p. t.*; John S. Roberts, Treas., *p. t.*; J. Heslep, Sec.; William Hamilton, S. D.; George Henry, J. D.; James Hurst, Tyler; and Bro. Samuel Dunlap.

Dec. 2, the Lodge met pursuant to its action of the evening before. The same brethren were present as on the evening of December 1, with the additions of Breth. E. J. Dunlap and Philip Coffman, and George Hackett, a visiting brother.

Our reason for thus stating the names of the brethren present is, that it has been said of late, that the events and occurrences which finally culminated in the adoption of sections 81 and 82, were in a great measure due to the efforts of Past Grand Master Warren. It will be seen by the record of those present, that Bro. Warren was not present at either of the meetings in question.

The Lodge having called on, and some financial business having been transacted, the committee to whom was referred the preamble and resolutions of Bro. Roberts, reported. We extract from the record *verbatim* :

"Bro. J. S. Roberts, in behalf of the committee appointed at last stated meeting of this Lodge, and to whom was referred a preamble and

resolutions, made report by presenting the following preamble and resolutions, to-wit:

"WHEREAS, It has been represented to us by a worthy brother, in whom all confidence can be placed, that a negro is admitted to all the privileges of our Fraternity in the Lodges at Chicago; and

"WHEREAS, We are also informed that the Lodge in Chicago over which the G. M. of the G. L. presides as Master, has now before it for action petitions from two or more negroes; and

"WHEREAS, We have learned that the M. W. G. M. of the G. L. of Illinois is urgent in favor of the admission of negroes into our ancient and honorable Fraternity; therefore,

"Resolved, That it is with deep and unfeigned regret that we have learned these facts, and that we deem it our imperative duty to remonstrate, in the strongest terms, against this innovation on the rules, regulations, and obligations of the Fraternity.

"Resolved, That we can not recognize any individual of the African race as being 'free-born,' as they are, by the constitution and laws of our country, denied the rights and privileges of citizens. Neither can we extend to them the hand of fellowship and brotherly love, believing that by so acting we would not only be doing violence to our feelings of self-respect, but that we would be trampling upon all of the landmarks of the Institution.

"Resolved, That the course pursued by the M. W. G. M. of the G. L. of this State, in this matter, is, in our opinion, unworthy of the high office to which he has been promoted, and, if persisted in, will inevitably lead to the destruction, not only of the harmony of the G. L. of this State, but will be destructive of the Institution itself; and that unless he desists from the effort to introduce negroes into the Institution, we must, as members of the G. L., solemnly protest against his conduct, as being derogatory to and unbecoming the presiding officer of any Lodge, much more so as the G. M.

"Resolved, That we deem it highly derogatory to the Institution for a blue Lodge even to receive a petition from an individual not recognized as a 'free-man,' much more so to entertain and act upon it, and if such course is persisted in, we shall deem it our imperative duty to disconnect our Lodge from said Lodge, as well as the Grand Lodge, which will permit one of its subordinate Lodges so to act.

"Resolved, That if negroes are admitted into the Lodge at Chicago, or other place under the jurisdiction of our G. L., we shall at the next regular meeting of our Lodge, after learning said fact, tender our charter to the G. L., and thus dissolve our connection with such un-masonic conduct.

"Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be forwarded to each Lodge in this State, with the request that they take immediate action thereon, and inform us thereof, and that a copy be sent to the G. M., that he may see the estimation in which his efforts are held by a part of the Fraternity, and also a copy be forwarded to the G. Lodges of Missouri and Kentucky.

"On motion of Bro. A. Dunlap, the Secretary be authorized to have fifty copies of the foregoing preamble and resolutions printed, which motion prevailed. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form. * * *

(Signed)

"W. W. HAPPY, M.

"J. HESLEP, Sec."

ACTION HAD BY OTHER LODGES.

BY BODLEY LODGE NO. 1.

"Communications from Harmony Lodge No. 3, Jacksonville, St. John's Lodge No. 13, of Peru, and St. Clair Lodge No. 24, of Belleville, upon the

subject of the admission of *negroes* into the Fraternity, were read, and referred to a committee of three, with instructions to correspond with the M. W. Grand Master of Illinois and with the Lodges at Chicago, to ascertain the facts on the subject and report. Breth. Ralston, Crockett, and Watson were appointed the committee."—*February 2, 1846.*

"The committee to whom were referred sundry communications from sister Lodges, upon the subject of the initiation of *negroes*, asked to be discharged. The request was granted, after the reading of the communication from the Lodges in Chicago."—*March 2, 1846.*

EQUALITY LODGE NO. 2,

Took no action on this matter, as far as is shown by the record.

BY SPRINGFIELD LODGE NO. 4.

"A communication from Harmony Lodge, at Jacksonville, was read, and, on motion, referred to a select committee of three, consisting of Breth. Weber, Zwislser, and McNeill."—*January 2, 1846.*

"The committee to whom was referred a communication from Harmony Lodge No. 3, at Jacksonville, made their report, which was unanimously adopted :

"The committee appointed to take into consideration and report upon a certain preamble and resolutions which were adopted by Harmony Lodge No. 3, and sent to this and other Lodges in the State, beg leave to report that they addressed a communication to M. W. G. Master Walker, on the subject matter embraced in said preamble and resolutions, with the view of being put in possession of the facts in the case, before we presumed to act in the premises, and are most happy to state that the communication received is satisfactory in the highest degree; establishing beyond all doubt, that the charges preferred against him by our brethren of Harmony Lodge are false in fact, and should not for a moment disturb the peace and harmony of our Order, nor interfere to any extent with the private feeling of any individual brother, whatever may be his feelings of opposition to the admission of 'negroes' into our ancient and honorable Order.

"We beg leave to remark that we regret most deeply the course pursued in this matter, by our brethren of Harmony Lodge, as being calculated to produce much mischief,—to interfere most seriously with that spirit of charity and Masonic confidence so indispensably necessary to our prosperity as an Order, as well as to our respect and esteem in public consideration. We must be permitted farther to remark, that we fear much, that this whole affair has proceeded from considerations of personal ill feeling on the part of Harmony Lodge against our worthy G. Master. The evidence upon which they have instituted so many grave and serious charges against him, must have been very slight and inconsiderable indeed; and it seems apparent to your committee, that, had our brethren of Harmony Lodge No. 3 given themselves but little trouble to ascertain the facts in the case, they might have been obtained; and that in acting as they have done in the absence of correct information, which could have been so easily obtained, they have violated many of the noblest principles of our Order, and deserves the censure of the Fraternity at large. We hope our brethren of

the Masonic family throughout the State will not allow themselves for a moment to be disturbed by the recent highly improper outbreak on the part of our brethren of Harmony Lodge No. 3. And we further assure our brethren that we are as jealous on the subject of introducing 'negroes' into our honorable Order as they can possibly be, and are ready to oppose most uncompromisingly any and every such attempt made by whom it may be—we will never submit to it in any form, nor do we believe that our G. Master is himself in favor of any such thing; in fact, he declared to us his unwillingness to allow any such thing unless the Grand Lodge should fully and most directly approve it.

"We hope our brethren of St. Clair Lodge will see the necessity of recalling their recommendation for a convention in May next. We suggest most respectfully that the whole matter be referred to the action of our next Grand Lodge, when and where we are assured the whole matter will come up and be determined to the satisfaction of all concerned.

"We append a few extracts from our worthy Grand Master's letter, which we hope and believe will prove as satisfactory to our brethren at large as to ourselves, as furnishing in part the evidence of the falsity of the charges contained in the communication from our brethren of Harmony Lodge No. 3. Also, that we have received information through other sources, entitled to the fullest confidence, from brethren residing at Chicago, that the statements of our G. Master are true and faithful, and may be most confidently relied upon.

"The first charge is as follows, to-wit: 'A negro is admitted to all the privileges of the Fraternity in the Lodge at Chicago:' to which our G. M. replies:

"'This is false—for that no "negro" is a member of any Lodge in Chicago or is in the enjoyment of any such privileges now, nor ever has been.'

"2d charge: 'The Lodge in Chicago over which the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge presides as Master has now before it for action, petitions from two or more negroes.'

"Reply.—'This is false—for that, first, I am not now Master of any Lodge in Chicago; and second, in that no Lodge over which I ever did preside as Master ever received, or had offered to it to be received, a petition from any negro or negroes.'

"3d charge: 'The M. W. G. M. of G. L. of Illinois is urgent in favor of the admission of negroes into our ancient and honorable Fraternity.'

"Reply.—'This is false—for that I have never in any Lodge whatever either urged, recommended, or said one word in favor of the admission of negroes into our ancient and honorable Order. Thus, brethren, do I plead: is not this sufficient?'

"Your committee would recommend for adoption the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the above report be printed, and that a copy of the same be sent to each Lodge in the State, to the Grand Lodges of Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri, Indiana, and Iowa, and to the M. W. G. Master,

"All of which is respectfully submitted,

"GEO. R. WEBER,
JAMES ZWISLER, JR., } Committee."
F. A. McNEILL,

BY FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 7.

"A letter from Harmony Lodge No. 3, of Jacksonville, Ills., containing a preamble and resolutions in relation to the admission of a *negro* by

one of the Lodges at Chicago, to the rights and privileges of the Masonic Fraternity, which was read and ordered to be placed on file, and, on motion, Charles T. Chase, John B. Nash, and Lorenzo Wood were appointed a committee to draft a protest and resolutions, expressive of the sentiments and feelings of this Lodge upon the same subject, and report at the next meeting."—*Dec. —, 1845.*

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"The committee appointed at the last communication to draft resolutions expressive of the sentiments and feelings of this Lodge, in relation to the admission of *negroes* into one of the Lodges at Chicago, through their chairman, C. T. Chase, submitted the following preamble and resolutions :

"WHEREAS, Information has been communicated to us by Harmony Lodge No. 3, of Jacksonville, Illinois, that a *negro* has been admitted to all the rights urgent in favor of the admission of *negroes* into our ancient and honorable and privileges of Masonry, by a Masonic Lodge in Chicago, and also that the Lodge over which the M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Illinois presides as Master, has before it for action petitions from other *negroes*; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, By Friendship Lodge No. 7, that if this information be correct, and any Lodge or Lodges in Chicago, or elsewhere, have admitted *negroes* to the rights and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry, we feel called upon to declare that their course is, in our opinion, in opposition to the fundamental principles of Masonry, and if suffered to be continued, will tend to destroy the peace and harmony of the Masonic Fraternity.

"2d. That if the M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Illinois has been privy to and aided in this unwarrantable innovation upon our ancient customs, he has forfeited our esteem, and we consider him unworthy of the high and honorable station he now fills.

"3d. *Resolved*, That we approve of the course suggested by St. Clair Lodge No. 24, that a convention of delegates from all the Lodges subject to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, be held at Peoria, on the first Thursday of April next, to determine the most proper course to be pursued concerning this (if the information received by us be correct) most unworthy and unexampled procedure of the M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and of the Masonic Lodges of Chicago, and that we will send a delegate to the said convention.

"4th. *Resolved*, That a copy of the above proceedings be sent to each of our sister Lodges, and to the M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Illinois."

"On motion of Bro. R. B. Loveland, the foregoing preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted, and ordered to be entered on record."—*January 22, 1846.*

"A communication from the Lodges in Chicago was presented and read, and ordered to be placed on file."—*February 12, 1846.*

"A communication from the M. W. G. M. was read, and ordered to be placed on file."—*March 12, 1846.*

BY MACON LODGE NO. 8.

"A letter was read from Harmony Lodge No. 3. Bro. Gorin moved that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the contents of said letter; thereupon the W. M. appointed the following brethren as said committee, viz.: Gorin, Stamper, and L. Ashton."—*January 10, 1846.*

"The letter from Harmony Lodge was then taken into consideration. The committee appointed by the W. M. reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

"WHEREAS, It has been represented to us that the Lodge at the city of Chicago, over which the G. M. of G. L. presides, has admitted a negro to all the benefits of Freemasonry, and that there is at present two or more petitions before that Lodge from negroes, and that the G. M. of the G. L. urges and gives his sanction to such proceedings; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That we deeply regret that such is the fact, and that the G. M. of this State should give his sanction to an act so degrading and highly injurious to Masonry.

"*Resolved*, That we do not, nor ever can we, under existing circumstances, consider negroes entitled to the benefits of Masonry, and that we would by far prefer (however highly we prize them) depriving ourselves of its benefits, than submit to such innovations on the rules and regulations of our ancient and honored Institution.

"*Resolved*, That if the G. M. does, as has been represented to us, urge the admission of negroes to the benefits of Masonry, that he has assumed ground that is not tenable, and a position in which no true Mason will support him, unless biased by other motives than the welfare of our beloved Institution.

"*Resolved*, That should such acts be persisted in, we shall deem it our imperative duty to tender at the next regular communication of the G. L. our charter, and dissolve all connection with it, for we never can, nor will we ever give our sanction to an act so debasing, and in its nature calculated to injure an Institution we hold so dear.

"*Resolved*, That a copy of the above preamble and resolutions be forwarded to the Chicago Lodges, and to Harmony Lodge No. 3, and to all the Lodges of the State."—*January 13, 1846.*

On the 7th of February the circular of Springfield Lodge No. 4 (which was well calculated to pour oil on the troubled waters), and the circular from the Chicago Lodges, which will be given in its order, were received, when the tide began to turn, and the following action was had :

"Communications were then read from the Chicago, Springfield, and Shawneetown Lodges.

"Bro. Gorin moved a reconsideration of the action of the Lodge in reference to the circular from Harmony Lodge, which carried.

"Bro. King moved that the resolution passed at our last meeting, ordering a copy of our preamble and resolutions (elicited by the circular from Harmony Lodge No. 3), to be sent to each Lodge in the State, be reconsidered, which carried.

"Bro. Gorin moved that a committee of five be appointed to take into reconsideration the circular of Harmony Lodge No. 3, which carried.

"Breth. Gorin, Armstrong, King, Pringle, and Braden, were appointed as said committee by the Worshipful."

"The committee to which was referred the circulars from Harmony Lodge and Chicago Lodges, asked for further time to report, which was granted."—*March 7, 1846.*

"Several letters from sister Lodges, on the subject of the circular of Harmony Lodge No. 3, were ordered to be filed without reading."

* * * "The committee on the Harmony and Chicago circulars reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted :

"WHEREAS, a circular has been received from Harmony Lodge No. 3, charging the Lodges at Chicago with admitting free negroes to all the benefits of Masonry, and the W. G. M. with giving his sanction to the same, and whereas also, a circular has been received from the Lodges at Chicago, as also a note from the W. G. M., denying said charges, therefore,

"*Resolved*, That we deeply regret that Harmony Lodge No. 3 should have taken so hasty action upon a matter so highly important to the Masonic world, without the highest and most unquestioned authority. While we are happy to find that the charges made by said Lodge are unfounded in fact, and that the Lodges at Chicago and the W. G. M. stand exculpated before the Masonic world.

"*Resolved*, That the resolutions of the committee heretofore appointed upon this subject, directing the Secretary to send copies of their report to the W. G. M., and the several Lodges of this State, be rescinded.

(Signed)

"J. R. GORIN,
JAMES KING,
H. J. ARMSTRONG,
J. Y. BRADEN,
C. H. PRINGLE."

—April 11, 1846.

BY ST. JOHN'S NO. 13.

"The circular from Harmony Lodge No. 3, at Jacksonville, Illinois, having been read in open Lodge, and its contents freely discussed, it was moved and seconded that the resolves stipulated in said circular, as copied in our book on pages 40 and 41, be passed by our Lodge in such form as would apply to our Lodge, and that the ayes and noes be taken. Passed unanimously.

"*Ayes*.—S. Norton, John Pentland, J. R. Merritt, William Cook, T. B. Elliott, George W. Gilson, D. W. Baker, Ira Hatron, William Paul, Raphael Oppenheim, Lewis Oppenheim, Warren Brown—the vote being unanimous."—January 8, 1846.

Following this is a list of the Lodges and persons to whom printed copies were sent, which was to each Lodge in the State, the Grand Master, and the Grand Lodges of Missouri and Kentucky.

"The circular issued by this Lodge, January 8, A. L. 5846, wherein we adopted the circular issued by Harmony Lodge No. 3, respecting the admission of people of color in the Lodge at Chicago, and particularly in the Lodge over which the Grand Master was said to preside, came up for consideration, whereupon the following resolutions were adopted:

"*Resolved*, That we deem the action of the Lodges of Chicago, and the answer of the M. W. G. M., as satisfactory, and a complete refutation of the charges alleged by Harmony Lodge No. 3, and subsequently adopted by St. John's Lodge No. 13.

"*Resolved*, That the censure cast upon the Lodges of Chicago, and on our M. W. G. M., is deeply regretted, and trusting that our past errors and their kind and truly Masonic forgiveness, forbearance, and charity towards us, has taught us a salutary lesson. We take this opportunity of rendering to our brethren the assurance of our confirmed fraternal love.

"*Resolved*, That a copy of these proceedings be forwarded to each Lodge in this State, and also a copy to the Grand Lodges of the States of Illinois, Kentucky, and Missouri.—April 9, 1846.

BY WARREN LODGE NO. 14.

"The Lodge was opened in due form, whereupon there was a communication presented from Harmony Lodge No. 3, Jacksonville, desiring action :

On motion, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted :

"To the M. W. G. Master, of the G. Lodge of Illinois, and to the several Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in Chicago—the Master, Wardens and Brethren of Warren Lodge No. 14, send greeting:

"WHEREAS, We have received a communication from Harmony Lodge No. 3, at Jacksonville, informing us that the Lodges at Chicago, and especially that the M. W. G. Master within the Lodge over which he presides, seem disposed to admit negroes to the privileges of our Fraternity, therefore,

"Resolved, That the admission of negroes to such privileges, would in our opinion be in violation of ancient usage, and that the legal and other disabilities under which they labor, will forever prevent their admission upon an equality with others, because many of the duties which should be reciprocal can not be performed by them.

"Resolved, That no past action of ours has placed us under any Fraternal obligations to negroes, either by word or implication, and that we can not be compelled to recognize them as Masons.

"Resolved, That we believe the admission of negroes into the Fraternity in any Lodge, will undoubtedly tend to the destruction not only of the harmony of the Grand Lodge of this State, but will be the destruction of the Institution itself.

"Resolved, That we conjure the Grand Master, Masters and Brethren of the Lodges at Chicago, to make no effort to thrust unwelcome members into the Fraternity—finally,

"Resolved, unanimously, That if any negro has been admitted, or shall hereafter be admitted into any of their Lodges (or any other Lodge) with the consent of the M. W. G. M., we shall, on hearing the fact, recommend to our sister Lodges in this State, the convocation of a Masonic convention, to consist of all those who would be proper members of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, *for the examining of the conduct of the Grand Master, and if necessary for the reorganization of the Grand Lodge.*

"On motion,

"Ordered, That the Secretary be instructed to transmit to the Lodges in Chicago a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions, with the desire that they inform this Lodge whether the facts charged by Harmony Lodge No. 3, at Jacksonville, be true or not.

(Signed)

—January 10, 1846.

"J. EDWARD REARDEN,

Secretary."

BY PEORIA LODGE NO. 15.

"Lodge opened on the third degree of Masonry in due form.

"A communication was received from Harmony Lodge No. 3, Jacksonville, Ill. On motion of Bro. Rankin, and the consent of the brethren of the Lodge, a committee of three was appointed by the Chair, to ascertain whether the charges contained in said communication, against the W. G. Master of this State, be true, and report at the next regular communication. Breth Sweat, Rankin, and Darst were appointed said committee."—January 10, 1846.

"Bro. Rankin, on the part of the committee appointed at the last regular to inquire into certain charges made by Harmony Lodge against the several Lodges at Chicago and the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, made a report. After reading the same, and a communication from the several Lodges of Chicago, it was resolved that the report presented by Bro. Rankin be received and laid on the table."—*February 7, 1846.*

The report is not recorded, nor is there evidence on the records of any further action by No. 15, on this subject.

BY TEMPERANCE LODGE NO. 16.

This Lodge adopted, on the 12th January, 1846, the resolutions of Harmony Lodge, with the necessary change as to the name and number of the Lodge, as expressive of their sentiments in regard to the matter involved therein.

"The memorials of Springfield Lodge No. 4, Lafayette Lodge No. 18, Apollo Lodge No. 32, and Oriental Lodge No. 33, were received and laid on the table. * * *

"On motion of Bro. J. D. Gorin, the memorials of Springfield and Chicago Lodges were taken from the table and referred to a committee of Breth. A. Lee, D. D. McKee, and W. M. Black, who were instructed to report thereon at an adjourned meeting of this Lodge, to be held the 23d instant."—*February 9, 1846.*

"The committee to whom was referred the communications of Chicago Lodges, and Springfield Lodge, beg leave to report the following preamble and resolutions:

"WHEREAS, this Lodge received a communication from Harmony Lodge No. 3, containing a preamble and resolutions making charges of a serious nature, and censuring our M. W. G. M. and the Lodges in Chicago; and the said Harmony Lodge being in good standing, and in our opinion, worthy of all confidence, we as a Lodge (with some slight alterations) adopted the preamble and resolutions of said Lodge, and,

"WHEREAS, we have since received circulars from Springfield Lodge No. 4, at Springfield, Lafayette Lodge No. 18, Apollo Lodge No. 32, and Oriental Lodge No. 33, at Chicago, denying the charges brought against the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Chicago Lodges, therefore,

"Resolved, That we as a Lodge suspend our opinion, and all further action in this matter until the next Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, to whom we most respectfully suggest it be referred.

"Resolved, That although we suspend our opinion in regard to the charges brought by Harmony Lodge No. 3, we must, as a Lodge, reiterate our remonstrance against the admission of negroes to the privileges of our Fraternity.

"Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be forwarded to the M. W. G. M. Grand Lodge of Illinois.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

"W. M. BLACK,
D. D. MCKEE,
ASAHEL LEE.

"The above preamble and resolutions were, on motion, unanimously adopted."—*March 9, 1846.*

BY MACOMB LODGE NO. 17.

Preceding the meeting at which Macomb Lodge took action upon the circular of Harmony Lodge, appears the following:

"*Bro. Junior Warden*:—You will please call a meeting of Macomb Lodge No. 17, at 6 o'clock, January 1st, 1846, to take into consideration special business.

"W. T. HEAD,
S. W., and Acting Master Lodge No. 17."

"January 1st, 1846, the Lodge met and was opened on the third degree.

"On motion, the Secretary read a communication from Harmony Lodge No. 3, whereupon the following preamble and resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted:"

[The preamble is the same in substance as that adopted by Harmony Lodge.]

"*Resolved*, By Macomb Lodge No. 17, that we most solemnly protest against the proceeding of Chicago Lodges, in admitting negroes to the privileges of Masonry.

"*Resolved*, That we highly censure the M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, for his unmasonic conduct, and deem him unworthy the station he now occupies, in encouraging, permitting, tolerating, or conniving at the admission of negroes to the rights and privileges of the ancient Institution of Masonry.

"*Resolved*, That we, as a body legally constituted, and individually, as members of the Fraternity, can not and will not extend the hand of fellowship to *any* who violate the first principles of the Institution by receiving and acting upon petitions of negroes for initiation, and by their unwarranted conduct are striking a death blow to the future well being and prosperity of Masonry.

"*Resolved*, That we call upon the M. W. G. M. of the G. L. of Illinois; W. M., Wardens, and brethren of Chicago Lodges, to desist from such acts in future, and that we admonish them in a spirit of brotherly love and forbearance of the fatal consequences of such acts, and in case they persist therein, we recommend to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, at their next regular communication, to surrender their charter, and thereby dissolve the Institution of Freemasonry in the State of Illinois.

"*Resolved*, That we request the M. W. G. M. of the G. L. of Illinois to resign the station he now holds in the G. L. of Illinois.

"*Resolved*, That in case the Chicago Lodges persist in admitting negroes, that we will, at our next meeting, after being informed of the facts, surrender our charter to the Grand Lodge, and hold ourselves wholly absolved from those who are guilty of such unmasonic conduct.

"*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the M. W. G. M. of the G. L. of Illinois, and to the Secretary of Harmony Lodge, at Jacksonville, and to the Grand Lodges of Kentucky and Missouri."

BY CASS LODGE NO. 23.

"The W. M. explained [that] the object of this meeting [was] to take into consideration the contents of a circular letter received from Harmony Lodge No. 3, at Jacksonville.

"The following preamble and resolutions were read by Secretary and unanimously adopted, after the Secretary [had] read the circular letter from Harmony Lodge No. 3, Jacksonville:

"WHEREAS, A circular letter has been received by this Lodge from our sister, Harmony Lodge No. 3, at Jacksonville, informing this Lodge that a negro has been admitted to all of the privileges of our Fraternity, in the Lodges at Chicago, and also that the petition of two or more negroes are now under consideration in the Lodge over which our M. W. G. M. presides as Master; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That it is with the deepest regret that we learn these facts, and that this Lodge solemnly protest against conduct so well calculated to destroy, not only the harmony of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, but also the Institution itself.

"*Resolved*, That we do affectionately appeal to our brethren at Chicago to desist from admitting negroes into the Fraternity until such time as the M. W. G. Lodge shall convene and act upon the subject.

"*Resolved*, That we have the fullest confidence in the integrity of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and believe that it will, in its wisdom, determine the practice before alluded to as un-masonic.

"*Resolved*, That it is the deliberate opinion of this Lodge that the M. W. G. M. ought at once resign his authority into the hands of the D. G. M., and is hereby respectfully requested to do so.

"*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions, properly attested, be sent to Harmony Lodge No. 3, to the Lodges at Chicago, to the W. G. M., and to the D. G. M.—Dec. 20, 1845.

BY ST. CLAIR LODGE NO. 24.

"Lodge opened in the Master's degree. The W. M. stated that the reason of the call for a meeting was in consequence of a communication received from Harmony Lodge No. 3, Jacksonville, Ills., which was read to the Lodge." [Then follows a synopsis of the circular of Harmony Lodge.] "On motion, the Secretary was directed to write a letter to the Most Worthy Grand Master, and inquire of him whether any foundation existed for the above charges. On motion, the above motion was reconsidered, and on motion the Secretary was authorized to have a series of resolutions, which had been previously submitted and adopted, printed and disposed of according to the directions of the 8th resolution. The following are the [preamble and] resolutions as adopted :

"WHEREAS, It has been communicated to us by Harmony Lodge No. 3, of Jacksonville, Illinois, that information has been received by said Lodge through a reliable source, that a negro is admitted to all the rights and privileges of Masonry by Masonic Lodges in Chicago, and also that the Lodge over which the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois presides as Master, has now before it for action, petitions from two or more negroes; and also that the M. W. G. M. is urgent in favor of the admission of negroes into our ancient and honorable Fraternity'; therefore be it

"*Resolved*, By St. Clair Lodge No. 24:

"1st. That we learn with regret this innovation upon the ancient usages and landmarks of our time honored Institution.

"2d. That those Lodges guilty of these innovations have, by acting thus, forfeited all claim to our confidence and respect, and have rendered themselves unworthy a place in the great family of Masons.

"3d. That should our M. W. G. M. be privy to, and have aided and abetted in the outrages upon our rights and immunities as above stated, we feel it our bounden duty to most solemnly protest and remonstrate against his conduct as being contrary to the fundamental principles of Masonry, and unworthy the confidence reposed in him by those who elevated him to the high place he occupies as presiding officer of the G. L. of the State of Illinois.

"4th. That we look upon the above innovation as aiming a deadly blow to the peace and happiness of the Fraternity in these United States. Hitherto, Masonry has afforded a peaceful asylum to its votaries from the North and South, the East and West. Upon the beautiful level of Masonry, we would all meet in harmony, however much we might differ in regard to other subjects.

"But let the above violation be persisted in, and distrust and a want of confidence, on the part of southern Masons, will be the result. This should not be. Heaven, in her wise dispensations, never intended that there should be a reciprocal enjoyment of all social privileges between the white man and negro.

"The Masonic tie is too sacred, the Union is too close, to admit to the inner chamber of our hearts, those whose blood the Almighty has by an immutable law declared should never traverse our veins.

"5th. We approve the action of Harmony Lodge No. 3, and will sustain her in every proper means to purge the evil from among us.

"6th. That we believe under existing circumstances in the propriety of recommending a convention of delegates from all the Lodges subject to the G. L. of Illinois, to meet at *Peoria*.

"7th. That we respectfully request all the subordinate Lodges to send one delegate, to meet on the first Thursday, in April, 1846, to determine what course it would be most proper to pursue, so that we may be purged from this great evil, and again hold a place in the affections of the Masonic bosom.

"8th. *Resolved*, That a copy of the above proceedings be sent to all our sister Lodges, also to the Grand Lodges of Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, and also a copy to the M. W. G. M. of Illinois, that he may know our sentiments, and that our sister Lodges be requested to inform us whether they will meet us in a grand convention in *Peoria*, as above proposed."

Then follows the certificate of the Secretary regarding the correctness of the record of the resolutions.

"Several communications were read from sister Lodges in relation to the difficulty at Chicago, when, on motion, they were all submitted to a committee, consisting of Bros. Morrison, Goforth, and Taylor."—*February 10, 1846*.

"The committee on the Chicago difficulties, and the various communications from sister Lodges, made their report. On motion, the report was received and ordered to be placed on the minutes. On motion, the Secretary was ordered to get a sufficient number of copies of the report printed, and forwarded as provided for in the report, and draw on the Treasurer for the same.

"The report is as follows:

"*To St. Clair Lodge No. 24, of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons:*

"The committee appointed to take into consideration certain communications from our sister Lodges in relation to certain irregularities practiced by the Lodges at Chicago, among which communications are two, to which the attention of your committee was more particularly directed. One from the Lodge at Springfield, and the other from the several Lodges at Chicago. Your committee, upon a strict examination of the charges, which originated in Harmony Lodge No. 3, at Jacksonville, and the replications to those charges, by the Chicago Lodges, and the answer made by the M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, to inquiries made of him, by the Chicago and Springfield Lodges, respectfully report that they do not find that the M. W. G. M. is obnoxious to censure. From all that has been elicited, we can not find that anything tangible rests against our M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. But your committee are compelled to state that the Chicago Lodges, as appears from their own circular, have heretofore occupied a very unwarrantable position, viz: In admitting *negroes* or *mulattoes*, into any of the rights and immunities of Ancient Freemasonry; and therefore, although Harmony Lodge was misinformed in relation to our M. W. G. M. (so far as we have data to found our conclusions upon), yet it appears from the circular of the Chicago Lodges, that Harmony Lodge did not *materially err*, in relation to the aforesaid Lodges at Chicago. Therefore, as the *head* of our Institution stands innocent and acquitted, and but a moiety of our Masonic family are implicated in the supposed violations, and

upon the suggestion of our sister Lodge at Springfield, your committee recommend that the call that was made by St. Clair Lodge for a convention in April next, be suspended, and in view of the excitement that prevails throughout the Fraternity in our State, your committee would recommend that the M. W. G. M. be respectfully requested to convoke a special meeting of the Grand Lodge as early as practicable, for the purpose of adjusting the difficulties that now prevail within our borders. Your committee also recommend that a copy of this report, together with a letter from the Secretary, be forwarded to our M. W. G. M., requesting his compliance with the suggestions in the foregoing report. Your committee also recommend that our sister Lodges be furnished with a copy of this report.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

"C. G. Y. TAYLOR, } Committee."
W. G. GOFORTH. }

—February 17, 1846.

BY HIRAM LODGE NO. 26.

"There was a circular received from Harmony Lodge No. 3, Jacksonville, Ill., stating that a negro had been admitted to all the privileges of our Fraternity in the Lodge at Chicago. The same was referred to a committee which consisted of N. D. Morse, L. Fuller, J. Price, Joel Lee, and William McMurtry, with instructions to report on the 17th inst., at our next meeting."—January 10, 1846.

"The committee appointed at our last regular communication on the circular received from Harmony Lodge, Jacksonville, made the following report:

"WHEREAS, It has been represented to us by a circular received from Harmony Lodge No. 3, at Jacksonville, that a negro is admitted to all the privileges of our Fraternity, in the Lodges at Chicago; and,

"WHEREAS, We are informed that the Lodge in Chicago over which the G. M. of the G. L. presides as Master, has now before it for action petitions from two or more negroes; and,

"WHEREAS, We have learned that the M. W. G. M. of the G. L. of Illinois is urgent in favor of the admission of negroes into our ancient and honorable Fraternity; and,

"WHEREAS, A sister Lodge has expressed her views and sentiments in the form of resolutions, and calling upon other Lodges to do the same; and we, believing that the admission of negroes into our Fraternity, at the present time, is inexpedient and improper; therefore,

"Resolved, That we heartily concur in the first and third resolutions as adopted by Harmony Lodge.

"Resolved, That it is inexpedient at the present time to admit negroes into our ancient Fraternity, as it is calculated to destroy the harmony which exists among our sister Lodges, which are situated in different parts of our country.

"Resolved, That we transmit a copy of these proceedings to the G. M., and one to Harmony Lodge No. 3, forthwith, signed by the Master and Secretary."—January 17, 1846.

"Two letters received from sister Lodges, viz.: St. Clair Lodge and St. John's Lodge."—February 7, 1846.

"Two letters received from two sister Lodges, viz.: Chicago Lodge and Springfield Lodge No. 4, and laid on the table." * * * The last resolution passed Jan. 17, is rescinded."—February 20, 1846.

BY PIASA LODGE NO. 27.

"The Lodge opened on the Master's degree in due and ancient form, when the Secretary laid before the Lodge a letter received from Harmony Lodge No. 3, in relation to the admission of negroes into our Order by the Lodges of Chicago; whereupon the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, A copy of the preamble and resolutions of Harmony Lodge No. 3, at Jacksonville, Illinois, informing us of and remonstrating against the admission of negroes into our ancient and honorable Fraternity by the Lodge in Chicago over which our Grand Master presides, has been laid before us; and

"WHEREAS, We have been requested by said first mentioned Lodge to take some immediate action thereon; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That we view with deep regret the course pursued by the Lodge at Chicago (if the information be correct) in countenancing or entertaining the petition of negroes for admission therein.

"*Resolved*, That we heartily approve of the course pursued and of the resolutions adopted by Harmony Lodge, and that we shall ever be found ready to join in unbending opposition to the reception into our Order of those whom we can not recognize as brethren, and to whom we can not cordially extend the right hand of fellowship and brotherly love.

"*Resolve* 1, That a copy of the above preamble and resolutions be forwarded by the Secretary to Harmony Lodge No. 3, to the Grand Master of this State, and to the Grand Lodges of Missouri and Kentucky."—*January 6, 1846.*

"Lodge opened on the Master's degree in due and ancient form, when a communication was laid before the Lodge from the several Masonic Lodges in Chicago, relative to certain charges preferred against said Lodges and the M. W. G. M. of the State of Illinois, by Harmony Lodge No. 3, of Jacksonville, which was read.

"On motion of Bro. Geo. T. Brown, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the communications from the several Lodges in this State, together with the circular from the Chicago Lodges, and also the M. W. Grand Master's letter to Bro. Brown, of this Lodge, be referred to a committee of three, with instructions to report upon the same at our next meeting.

"Whereupon the W. Master appointed Breth. Bailhache, Brown, and Edwards said committee."—*February 17, 1846.*

"The Lodge opened on the first degree in common form. * * * the Lodge opened on the second degree in due form. * * * The Lodge opened on the third degree in due and ancient form. * * * The committee to whom were referred the communications of the several Lodges upon the action of Harmony Lodge No. 3, in relation to the Lodges of Chicago, and the conduct of the M. W. G. Master of the State of Illinois, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, unanimously adopted:

"The committee to which has been referred the 'circular from the Lodges in Chicago, Illinois,' to the several Lodges in the State, in relation to certain proceedings of Harmony Lodge No. 3, at a meeting held in Jacksonville, on the 10th day of December, A. D. 1845, with the accompanying documents, respectfully

beg leave to report, that having given the different matters submitted to them all the consideration their high importance demands, they are gratified to be able to assure their brethren of the Lodge and the Fraternity generally, that the charges preferred against our M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and the subordinate Lodges in Chicago, or either of them, by Harmony Lodge No. 3. at their meeting aforesaid, are not only unsupported by testimony, but also disproved by positive evidence. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That the circular from the Lodges in Chicago, of January 26, 1846, is entirely satisfactory, and fully exculpates the M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Illinois and the several Lodges in Chicago from the grave accusations brought forward against them by Harmony Lodge No. 3, at a meeting held at Jacksonville, December 10, 1845.

"Resolved, That the course pursued by Harmony Lodge No. 3, at their meeting aforesaid, in proceeding upon mere hearsay testimony to pronounce the M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of this State as unworthy of the high office to which he has been promoted, and condemning his conduct 'as derogatory to and unbecoming the presiding officer of any Lodge,' is in the highest degree reprehensible and unmasonic, and deserving the unqualified censure of every member of the Masonic Fraternity.

"Resolved, That the precipitate action of St. John's Lodge No. 13, at their meeting in Peru, LaSalle county, January 8, A. L. 5846, and of St. Clair Lodge No. 24, at their meeting in Belleville, January 12, 1846, A. L. 5846, upon the proceedings of Harmony Lodge No. 3, is much to be regretted, inasmuch as it precluded that serious investigation and inquiry which the grave character of those proceedings imperiously required.

"Resolved, That we deeply deplore the hasty and premature concurrence of this Lodge, given at their meeting held in this city, January 16, A. L. 5846, in proceedings of Harmony Lodge, and the indirect censure then bestowed upon the M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of this State, in forgetfulness of that charity which is the first of all Masonic virtues, and of that caution which should make every genuine Mason 'slow to hear' and 'slow to speak' evil of any brother.

"Resolved, That the proceedings of Springfield Lodge No. 4, at their meeting of February 2, A. L. 5846, meet our cordial approbation and concurrence, and that their course in first communicating the charges to the brethren implicated, and hearing what they had to say in their defense, before proceeding to pass judgment upon them, is perfectly honorable, fair, and Masonic, and worthy of universal imitation in all similar cases.

"Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing report be forwarded by the Secretary to the M. W. G. M. of the State of Illinois, and to the several subordinate Lodges thereof.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed.)

JOHN BAILHACHE,
GEORGE T. BROWN,
NELSON G. EDWARDS. } Committee."

—February 21, 1846.

BY MONROE LODGE NO. 28.

"The Secretary read a communication from Harmony Lodge No. 3, Jacksonville, Illinois, relative to the Lodge in Chicago receiving into their Lodge negroes; whereupon, unanimously:

"Resolved, That this Lodge highly approve of the resolutions passed by said Lodge, and fully concur therein; and

"Resolved, further, That we recommend the Grand Master to resign his office."
—January 13, 1846.

BY PEKIN LODGE NO. 29.

"A communication was received from the Harmony Lodge No. 3, Jacksonville, Illinois, upon the subject of the introduction of negroes in the Lodges at Chicago. Upon motion, the communication was referred to a committee of five, and the W. M. [appointed Bros.] T. R. King, A. Woolston, W. C. Quigley, S. P. Baily, Wm. Wilkey" [said committee.]—*January 10, 1846.*

"The committee appointed to take into consideration the communication of Harmony Lodge No. 3, submitted two reports. Bro. Woolston submitted the following :

"The committee to whom was referred the matter of a circular, originating in Harmony Lodge No. 3, requesting the aid of this Lodge in remonstrating against the action of Chicago Lodge, in admitting a negro or negroes into the fellowship and order of Masons, your committee beg leave to report as follows, to-wit :

"In the opinion of your committee, this (the Pekin Lodge No. 29) nor any other blue Lodge, possesses any judiciary powers, one over the other, but all such power exclusively belongs to the Grand Lodge, from whom they severally emanate : neither would the committee advise this Lodge to express any official opinion in regard to the lawfulness or unlawfulness of the act of the Chicago Lodge as above named, but would leave it with the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, where we have no doubt but it will undergo an impartial examination, and meet its due reward.

"For the further government of this Lodge on the above exciting subject, your committee would beg leave to say that it is their decided opinion that, at this time, it would be impolitic and altogether inexpedient to admit a colored man in their fellowship.

"Your committee would deeply regret that any excitement should be manifested on this or any other occasion by Free and Ancient York Masons, a society that has stood so many shocks of persecution and severe trials ; they have stood unmoved, and so let us stand, and so brethren we will stand to the end of the world."

"Bro. Holmes submitted the following report :

"WHEREAS, a communication has been addressed to this Lodge by the Harmony Lodge No. 3, of Jacksonville, in this State, requesting our action in the matter of certain complaints made by the said Harmony Lodge against the Chicago Lodge, in relation to the admission of certain negroes into full fellowship into said Lodge, and the exception [reception] of petitions for [from] other negroes.

"1st. *Resolved*, That we deeply regret that any Lodge in this State should, by entertaining petitions from negroes who are not recognized by our State laws as entitled to an equality with the whites, have introduced into the Craft a subject so pregnant with evil consequences to the harmony of this Fraternity.

"2nd. *Resolved*, That while we extend to our brethren of Chicago the exercise of that virtue which enters beyond the bounds of time, we trust that they will ever reject from their work, all materials which would impair its harmony, its utility, or its perpetuity.

"3rd. *Resolved*, That we deprecate the hasty action by the Harmony Lodge until the matter can be reported to the Grand Lodge of this State, and until such action can be had, we can not consent to dissolve our connection with said [Grand] Lodge.

"4th. *Resolved*, That while our political and social Institutions do not recognize the negro race, we will not admit them into our Lodge.

"5th. *Resolved*, That aside from the question of *abstract right*, this Lodge is unanimously of the opinion that it is highly inexpedient and improper to countenance the admission of negroes into the Lodges of this State, and we believe the evils arising from their admission would far counterbalance any good that might be supposed to result from the same.

"After some discussion, Bro. Quigley moved to lay the reports on the table until our next regular communication.

"Bro. Tackaberry moved an amendment, that the reports be re-committed to——."

Here the record closes abruptly, leaving us entirely in the dark as to the result. The records of this Lodge (as before stated), from January, 1846, are not in our possession, consequently we are unable to state what the action of No. 29 really was.

BY MT. VERNON LODGE NO. 31.

"The W. M. explained that the object of this called meeting to be to take some action on a circular issued by Harmony Lodge No. 3, and such other circulars and communications as had been received from other Lodges, together with a certain communication from the M. W. G. M. of the G. L. of Illinois on the subject to which the aforesaid Harmony circular referred.

"Whereupon, Bro. Noah Johnston offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed, to whom shall be referred all the circulars and communications which have been received from the various Lodges in this State in relation to the conduct of the Lodges in the city of Chicago, &c., &c.

"Whereupon the W. M. appointed Bros. Noah Johnston, W. A. Denning, and Downing Baugh said committee."—*March 17, 1846*.

There is no evidence on record that the above named committee ever reported.

BY CHARLESTON LODGE NO. 35.

"The Secretary read a letter from Harmony Lodge No. 3, containing certain preamble and resolutions in relation to the action of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Illinois, Wm. F. Walker, and the Chicago Lodges, in receiving and acting upon petitions from negroes, which, on motion of Bro. E. Roach, was adopted by this Lodge, and the preamble and resolutions ordered to be marked and placed on file, which was accordingly done, and are now on file among the papers of the Lodge, marked "A."—*January 6, 1846*.

"The Secretary then read a communication from the R. W. Wm. F. Walker, Grand Master of the State of Illinois, also a communication

from the Lodges in Chicago, denying the charges preferred against them in the preamble and resolutions of Harmony Lodge No. 3, and subsequently adopted by this Lodge. On motion of Bro. Watson, the communications were referred to a committee, with instructions to report as soon as practicable."—*February 3, 1846.*

"The committee appointed to take into consideration and report upon certain resolutions passed by Harmony Lodge No. 3, and subsequently adopted by Charleston Lodge No. 35, and the communications of the R. W. Wm. F. Walker, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, and the Chicago Lodges, in reply thereto, respectfully report:

"That whereas, a communication by our Lodge was addressed to the M. W. G. M. Wm. F. Walker, on the subject matter embraced in the said resolutions with a view of being put in possession of the facts in the case; we are happy to state that from all the light received, we are satisfied there is nothing to mar the peace and harmony of our much loved and cherished Institution. We take the liberty to say to our brethren that we are jealous on the subject of initiating negroes into our Order, and would be ready at all times to oppose the same, made by any one whoseever, nor are we authorized to believe, from all the evidence that we are in possession, of that the M. W. Grand Master is himself in favor of any such thing.

Further, we do most sincerely regret that any such difficulty should have occurred. We suggest most respectfully that the whole matter be referred to the action of our Grand Lodge at its next regular communication, when and where we hope the same may be determined to the satisfaction of all concerned.

"Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the above report be accepted, and that a copy of the same, with the resolution inclusive, be sent to the M. W. W. F. Walker, the Lodges at Chicago, Harmony Lodge No. 3, and the Lodge at Springfield, No. 4.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"ADAM MITCHEL, }
JAMES WATSON. } *Committee.*"

Kavanagh Lodge No. 36, being at that time under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, took no action on this matter.

The records of Monmouth Lodge No. 37 show no action regarding the subject matter of this chapter.

BY OCCIDENTAL LODGE U. D.

"It was, on motion, voted that the chair appoint a committee of five persons to report on the subject of the circular from the Chicago Lodges at a subsequent regular communication. Bros. Kelly, Caton, Dickey, Swift, and Leland appointed by the W. Master that committee."—*Feb. 6, 1846.*

"Committee to whom was submitted the subject of the circular from Chicago, instructed to report at next regular communication."—*Feb. 20, 1846.*

"At this communication the committee appointed to report on the subject of the Chicago circular, made their report in the words following, to-wit., which report being accepted, was ordered to be printed, and the Secretary instructed to forward copies of the same to the Grand Lodge and the several Lodges in the State, with as little delay as possible."—*March 6, 1846.*

On the opposite page is the remark, "here follows the report." If the report was ever recorded, it has long since faded, for the page is as guiltless of ink as it was the day it left the mill where it was manufactured.

BY THE CHICAGO LODGES.

"CIRCULAR FROM THE LODGES IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

"A circular having been received by each of the Lodges in Chicago from Harmony Lodge No. 3, at Jacksonville, Illinois; they were convened in one body to consider the same: that circular is as follows, to-wit:

[The circular having been before presented, we omit.]

"The above having been read, a committee, composed of three members of each Lodge, was appointed to consider and report upon the same at a subsequent meeting, which report is as follows, to-wit:

"The committee on behalf of the Masons, members of the several Lodges, in Chicago, to whom was referred the circular of Harmony Lodge No. 3, at Jacksonville, Illinois, respectfully report: that having carefully investigated the matters to which the communication of said Lodge relates, they will proceed to answer them specifically, in the order therein set forth.

"1. It is thus stated in the preamble:—'WHEREAS, it has been represented to us, by a brother in whom all confidence can be placed, that a negro is admitted to all the privileges of our Fraternity in the Lodges in Chicago.'

"If this be intended as a specific charge against the Lodges in this city, we submit the following facts in relation thereto. A. B. Lewis, a well bred mulatto man, musician by profession, reputedly of Cherokee aboriginal blood maternally, and paternally of African blood, now, and for a year or two past, a resident of Chicago, is undoubtedly the individual alluded to. Hailing, as a Master Mason, from within the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, whose diploma, duly signed, he exhibited, he has been admitted a few times, as a visitor, to the Lodges in this city, but he is not a member of either. That this individual, then, half Indian and half negro, has visited the Lodges in Chicago and been admitted to the privileges of a *visiting* brother, is true; that he is an undoubted brother Mason, a modest, worthy man, and 'of good report,' is equally true. And how his exclusion from any Lodge where he might apply and exhibit his credentials, would comport with the respect due to the Grand Lodge whose diploma he presented here, one of the most intelligent and respectable bodies of Masons in the United States, is a question left for Harmony Lodge, and others adopting her action, to answer, should the brother in question seek admission among them.

"2. The preamble continues as follows:—AND WHEREAS, we are informed that the Lodge in Chicago over which the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge presides, as Master, has now before it for action petitions from two or more negroes.'

"To this we reply, that the Lodge over which the Grand Master was for a season Master, never received a petition from any negro or negroes; but that Apollo Lodge, No. 32, of this city, (whose records your committee have been permitted to examine,) over which the M. W. G. Master may have occasionally presided, as over other Lodges, but of which he never was Master, did, at a regular communication on the 2d of May last, W. M. Wm. Stuart presiding, receive and refer the petitions of two men, residents of this city, by name Johnson and Davidson, by trade barbers, of mixed Anglo Saxon and African blood, though the proportion of African blood is evidently small, reputed 'freeborn,' certainly of good report, and one or both entitled to vote by the laws of this State.*

"On the 5th of May aforesaid, at a special meeting of said Lodge, a resolution was adopted, instructing the committee on said petitions, not to report until after the next meeting of the Grand Lodge in October then following; in order, as was stated, previously to procure an expression of the Grand Lodge on the subject.

"On the 21st of November following, at a regular communication of said Lodge, W. M. Wm. Stuart presiding, as appears by the records, the committee on said petitions reported favorably; but, it having been made known to the Lodge, by its delegate to the Grand Lodge, that he had not obtained an expression from the Grand Lodge on the subject, a resolution was unanimously adopted, in substance, allowing the petitioners to withdraw their petition.† This was the final action of Apollo Lodge in relation to this matter; and however anomalous and singular it may be deemed, evidently arose, in the opinion of your committee, from a true Masonic desire to respect the feelings and scruples of a portion of the members of the Fraternity, and to continue that harmony which is the strength and beauty of our Institution. However this action may be viewed, it is still the action of Apollo Lodge only, and from the responsibilities in which it may involve her, your committee believe that she will not wish to shrink.

"3. The preamble still continues as follows:—'AND WHEREAS, we have learned that the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the G. L. of Illinois is urgent in favor of the admission of negroes into our ancient and honorable Fraternity.'

"Inasmuch as the conduct of the M. W. G. Master of the State only is herein complained of, your committee, desirous of allowing him to speak for himself on a matter which especially concerns him, addressed to him a note which, with his answer, promptly communicated, is here inserted.

"CHICAGO, January 26th, 1846.

"Rev. W. F. Walker, M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois:

"DEAR BROTHER:—The undersigned, a committee on behalf of the Masons, members of the several Lodges in Chicago, to whom has been referred a communication from Harmony Lodge No. 3, Jacksonville, Illinois, which communication by resolution of said Lodge, was directed to be sent also to you, respect-

*By the Rev. Stat., Ch. xxx. Div. iii, Sec. 16, page 154, Sec. 27 of Art. ii, of the State constitution, is so interpreted as to form the basis for this assertion.—*Authority, his Ex. Gov. Ford.*

†The W. M. of Apollo Lodge desires that it should be noted that his Lodge was not, at the time of this action, in possession of those instructions of the Grand Lodge on the subject, with which it is inconsistent.

fully ask of you an answer to the 3d charge in the preamble of the said communication, implicating you as being "urgent in favor of the admission of negroes into our ancient and honorable Fraternity."

"Fraternally yours,

"M. L. KNAPP,
R. J. HAMILTON.
HART. L. STEWART.
JOHN R. CASE,
WM. STUART,
C. LANSING,
J. V. Z. BLANEY,
WM. B. HERRICK,
GEORGE DAVIS."

"CHICAGO, January 26th, 1846.

"DEAR BRETHREN:—The communication from Harmony Lodge No. 3, referred to in your note of this morning, has been received by me, but I have given to it no reply, for the reason that it invites none. I have supposed, that, in so far as it concerns the several Lodges in this city, it would receive attention; and that when I should be asked for information respecting the matters contained in it touching myself, it would be quite time for me to furnish the same.

"Your enquiry presents an opportunity for me to reply to the 3d charge, which has regard to myself exclusively: what I should be bound to reply to the others, is known to yourselves, for therein we are associated.

"I say, then, in brief, and without the fear of contradiction, that I have never, either in any one of your Lodges, or in any other, either urged, recommended, or said one word, "in favor of the admission of Negroes into our ancient and honorable Fraternity." The charge regards overt acts to which no man or Mason can testify concerning me. I deny them unqualifiedly, and so the truthfulness of the charge. That I have conversed with brethren some half dozen times, perhaps, upon the great principles suggested by your question, is admitted; but such conversations have usually been, with the view, rather of eliciting, than of expressing opinions. What are my opinions on the subject will doubtless, in due time, be made known. I certainly shall not shrink from any responsibility that may be involved, either in expressing or maintaining them; but their communication, at present, would beside your enquiry, and appears not now to be called for.

"Trusting that in the treatment of this whole matter, you will suffer the "law of kindness" to prevail, and at no time to forget the moral lessons inculcated by the level, the plumb, and the trowel,

"I am, Dear Brethren,

With assurances of Fraternal regard,
Your friend and brother,

"W. F. WALKER,

"Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois.

"To M. L. Knapp, and others, }
Members of Committee."

"In relation to this last matter, your committee would remark, that the propriety or impropriety, the right or wrong, of admitting negroes into our ancient and honorable Institution, has never been discussed, in any Lodge in Chicago: nor do they feel themselves called upon to discuss the subject in this communication: but in relation to a question of such magnitude—the time, manner, and responsibilities of its discussion—they cordially adopt the views expressed by our M. W. Grand Master, in his communication above given.

"Your committee have thus endeavored, candidly and masonically, to submit their views on the several matters presented to their consideration; but they can not conclude without expressing their deep regret that any Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons should have pursued the course adopted by Harmony Lodge, and others following her action, of so departing from the rules of right, established even by judicial tribunals, as to try and condemn a sister Lodge, and brethren of the same great family, whose distinguishing tenets are brotherly

love and truth, on hear-say charges and *ex parte* testimony; without the ordinary formality or courtesy of allowing the accused to appear and answer, before a rendition of judgment.

"The unmasonic precipitancy of action, the spirit and bearing of Harmony Lodge, in relation to this unfortunate matter, call forth our unqualified disapprobation, and at the same time our brotherly regret. We love our Institution; we cherish its principles; we admire, and would forever preserve, the beautiful harmony of its proportions. We have no railing accusation to bring against any portion of our great family. Wherever, under the broad canopy of Heaven, a just and upright Mason is to be found, we would hail him as a brother, and would receive from him a reciprocal regard. We would ever seek, in the accents of brotherly love, to be admonished of our errors, and, in such a spirit, impart, as we would receive, that good counsel which most surely leads to reformation.

"Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That this report be presented to the several Lodges in this city for their action, and that, with a copy of such action appended, it be transmitted to the M. W. Grand Master, to the several Lodges in the State, and to each Grand Lodge in the United States, soliciting action and answer.

"All of which is most respectfully submitted.

"M. L. KNAPP,
R. J. HAMILTON,
HART. L. STEWART,
JOHN R. CASE,
WM. STUART,
C. LANSING,
J. V. Z. BLANEY,
WM. B. HERRICK,
GEORGE DAVIS,

Committee."

"The above report was, on motion, adopted.

"In this clear, distinct, unequivocal, and truly Masonic manner, [alluding to the action had by the Chicago Lodges] have the Lodges in Chicago made answer to the matters before referred to, by which the peace of our Lodges has of late been disturbed. Wherever there is a heart attuned by Masonic principle, and a head guided by Masonic wisdom, their 'circular' will be received as a memorial of their being worthy sons of the mother they profess to 'love, cherish, admire, and would forever preserve in all the beauty of her divine proportions.' In no case, it is believed, wherein passion has not usurped the sway, and the understanding been rendered incapable of perceiving and calmly judging of truth, can it be otherwise than satisfactory. The case, to form such an exception, we are bound to assume, is not to be found in our Masonic family,—a family of brothers, at whose home altar are so often, so peculiarly, and so forcibly, inculcated lessons concerning that 'charity' which 'suffereth long, and is kind;' which 'beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things;' which 'is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth in the truth,' and 'never faileth;' and which is at once the cement and the glory of our 'ancient Masonic Institution.'

"It is greatly to be regretted that a statement of facts, from the proper source, was not applied for, before action resulting in public denunciation, calculated to derogate from the character and standing of brethren, and to endanger the vital interests of our Grand Lodge, was anywhere had with respect to what was communicated by the 'informer of his brethren' to Harmony Lodge, though such informant was 'a brother in whom all confidence can be placed.' This course would have been Masonic, to say the least. Had it been observed, it is more than probable, that the rising of many an improper temper would have been prevented, the suffering of many a pang avoided. I certainly would have held myself ready to answer any and every enquiry, respectfully addressed, that might have been proposed touching any or all of those matters. That I have neither shrunk from nor delayed in so doing, when called upon, there are brethren who can testify. I confess it would have gratified me not a little, had the same opportunity been allowed me in other quarters. The fraternal conduct of those who have so addressed me, conduct so much in accordance with the tenets of our ancient and honorable Order, merits my warmest thanks.

"Dissensions, difficulties and misunderstandings, the chiefest causes of most of the jealousies and wrongs that exist, are to be regretted and eschewed by the truly upright and honorable,—the lovers of the things that make for peace. But as long as evil exists in the world,—as long as the turbulent passions of man are unrestrained by the mild teachings of the Prince of Peace,—so long will they be antagonists of each other,—so long will the war of the passions rage, and, in many quarters, fearfully predominate. The Christian religion provides the first great preventive of this unfortunate state of things; and every true Mason knows that, next to this, our own beautiful Order supplies and enforces principles of love and forgiveness. Forbearance, kindness, forgiveness, morality, love, and truth, are taught in every stage of Masonic progression. Each and every symbol and ceremony in our Institution points out some lesson of morality,—a lesson which, if received and acted upon, tends to make us better and more useful men,—to prevent jealousies, annihilate wrongs, and so to extend 'peace on earth,' and 'good will' amongst men.

"One of those lessons, and that of by no means secondary importance—a lesson, in effect imparted to each Master Mason under circumstances of almost fearful impressiveness—regards the duty of every brother in the mystic tie to remind every other in the most friendly manner of his errors, and aid his reformation; to avoid all slander, malice, unjust resentment, and talking disrespectfully of a brother's person or performance, by which the character of a brother may be injured, his feelings wounded, or the most excellent tenets of our Order be violated, or in any degree interrupted in their exercise; to suffer none to spread unjust reproaches or calumnies against a brother behind his back, nor to injure him in his fortune, occupation, or character; but defend a brother, giving him due and timely notice of any injury wherewith he may be threatened, or of any charges that may be abroad affecting him, that he may ward off danger. With all his duties vividly before him, it is impossible that a true Mason can materially err. Whether the brethren, who, with such severity as has been, in many cases, evinced, have animadverted upon the Lodges in Chicago, in connection with myself, have had all their duties distinctly in recollection, when making such expressions, they only know and can say.

"If under some sudden and temporary excitement, without due reflection, they have wronged brethren, it is hoped that the Masonic temper has been, ere this, recovered, and that Masonic principle and feelings will soon so prevail as

to prompt them to endeavor, in some degree, to repair the injustice done, by furnishing oil for the wounds they may have opened.

"Since the publication of the 'circular of the Lodges in Chicago,' a letter evidently dictated by a spirit of impartial justice, has been received by me from a brother, propounding questions, 'under and by virtue of his Lodge,' which, 'as a Lodge,' was 'not prepared to act' on the Harmony circular, 'without first having a statement of facts from me,' some of which extend to matters in the above connection not before touched upon,—having regard to *opinions* as well as acts. Those questions are as follows:

"'Do you believe a negro can be admitted into our Order? If he can, do you believe it good policy to admit one? And lastly, would you be willing to see a negro admitted into a Lodge, under this Grand Lodge, or in any other than a 'Black Lodge.'"

"The answer to these questions having been made officially, I have no hesitation in here inserting it, as, in connection with the circular of the Lodges in Chicago, it is believed to cover this entire subject, *both as to facts and opinions* It was, in substance, as follows:

"1. Did I not 'believe that a negro *can* be admitted into our Order,' I should fail to give credit to what my own eyes have witnessed, within the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, to what is testified by brethren, 'in whom all confidence can be placed,' respecting what has been done elsewhere in the United States, to what we know concerning the Fraternity in Africa, in India, in Hayti, in England, and, wherever, indeed, our '*universal language*' is spoken—our Institution established.

"2. That what is thus *possible* in many countries, and in many parts of our own country, and may fairly be claimed as a universal *right*, in view of the fundamentally catholic character of the Masonic Institution, it would be 'good policy,' expedient, in other words to practice here, I do not 'believe.' I am most decidedly of the opinion, that 'no Lodge has the right to introduce within its walls any applicant who may be obnoxious to any one of its members,' or to any Mason associated with it under the same Masonic government. The principle thus asserted is broad, but, narrowed in anywise, it would conflict with much that is most tender and sacred in 'our Masonic Institution.' That it is of no after adoption by me, will appear by a reference to pages 37 and 38 of the preceding 'proceedings,' where it is asserted and expanded at some length.

"3. We have no '*Black Lodge*' within our jurisdiction; nor would I, under present circumstances, willingly see, certainly would not constitute, one.

"Whether one who is truly a worthy brother shall be admitted into a particular Lodge, in union with this Grand Lodge, irrespective of every thing save his 'internal qualifications' to 'recommend' him, is for the Lodge at whose door such brother may knock for admission, to determine.* The Lodges in Chicago have uniformly decided and acted for themselves in this regard; and, in a given case, have submitted their decision and action touching the same.

"This Grand Lodge, at its annual communication in 1843, through 'Bro. Warren, from the Committee on Foreign Communications,' asserted as a fact, however, 'THAT HE WHO IS IN POSSESSION OF THAT UNIVERSEL LANGUAGE, IS HAILED AND EMBRACED AS A BROTHER,—WHETHER WANDERING THROUGH THE GREEN FORESTS OF AMERICA,

* "As it regards the course observed in this respect by the Chapter or Encampment in Chicago, it is assumed that the 'Blue Lodges' have not the right officially to enquire."

OVER THE BURNING SANDS OF PALESTINE, OR WENDING HIS WAY ALONG THE GLOOMY BANKS OF THE GANGES;' and informed the Fraternity, '*with pride and pleasure,*' that '*the star of Masonry is tending upward and onward, bright and brightening, not only over this Union, BUT THROUGHOUT THE HABITABLE GLOBE.**'

"How far this just, eloquent, and truly Masonic instruction has had influence with the Lodges in Chicago, they have not been pleased to inform us. It was probably thought that this might better be left to be inferred from the known Masonic character of those who compose them.

"I will take leave of this subject, in the language of a former able Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, somewhat accommodated:

"Knowing, my brethren, somewhat of Masonry, and acquainted as I am with many of you, I feel it to be altogether unnecessary further to remind you, in this connection, of those principles of our Order so essential to be observed to ensure its well being. Masons pre-eminently love order and harmony; and I doubt not you will meet the subject, now so fully before you, with a prevailing disposition, and a steady determination in all you shall say or do, to have regard to the excellent tenets of our Institution; "to love as brethren; to be kindly affectioned one toward another; in honor, preferring one another." Union is the very soul of our associated being; selfishness is at war, and incompatible, with the genius and spirit of Masonry. Ambition and rivalry we know not; brotherly love and affection "unite us into one sacred band, or society of friends and brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work, or best agree." Let us exemplify in our conduct these interesting traits of Masonry; and having now a mutually right understanding in all things, let us, with one mind, and one spirit, strive together for the prosperity of our Order.

"BEHOLD, HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS FOR BRETHREN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY!"

The Grand Lodge took the following action at the session of 1846:

"REPORT.

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois;

"The special committee appointed to take under consideration and report upon so much of our Most Worshipful Grand Master's report to the Grand Lodge as relates to the Harmony Lodge Circular, in relation to certain proceedings at Chicago, beg leave to submit the following:

"Your committee have investigated the subject with a due regard to the interests of those concerned, and the well-being of the Institution in our State. Your committee take great pleasure in bearing witness to the deep interest which has been manifested by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Walker, during the past year. His industry, zeal, and energies, so faithfully applied for the advancement of our excellent Fraternity, deserves, and no doubt will receive, the approbation of the brotherhood, and serve as a bright example to excite our emulation.

"After scrutinizing closely the charges preferred by Harmony Lodge No. 3, at Jacksonville, and the replication of Grand Master Walker, as also the circular of the Chicago Lodges, your committee can not find that anything in a tangible form rests against our M. W. Grand Master, so as either to subject him to cen-

* "Whether this comprehends 'all kindreds' is left for inference!"

sure or discipline; and it gives us great pleasure that the presiding officer of our Institution in this State stands, as such, unconnected with measures, the naming of which alone excites the distrust and disapprobation of so large a portion of the Brotherhood. Your committee can not dismiss so much of this matter as particularly pertains to Grand Master Walker, without declaring their unqualified disapprobation of the letter and spirit of his remarks in his report to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, in relation to Harmony Lodge and her train.

"The action of a large majority, if not all the Lodges, upon the celebrated Harmony Circular, was conditional, stating generally that if the Grand Master and the Chicago Lodges stood in the relations represented, then farther measures would be pursued. This was the declaration of Harmony Lodge in her circular, as set forth in the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge, (pages 107 and 108.)

"Harmony Lodge says nothing, however, as is predicted by the W. G. Master, of disrupting the Grand Lodge, but simply states that she will, under certain circumstances, withdraw from her jurisdiction. Your committee believe that the Grand Lodge is too well satisfied of the evil of the innovation, its disastrous consequences to the peace and happiness of the Brotherhood in these United States, to be so divided in sentiment as to endanger its perpetuity.

"The Grand Master complains that the indignities which he has suffered still stand unacknowledged and unatoned for. It is probable that most of those Lodges who took action in the matter, concluded, after receiving the Grand Master's circular, to wait until the G. A. Convocation, expecting to see the Grand Master in his place, and render unto him according to the facts, after an investigation should be had by the Grand Lodge.

"Your committee can not but believe that whatever action has been had by subordinate Lodges, it was actuated by a desire to preserve the peace, happiness, and prosperity of the Fraternity, as a whole. It is believed that Grand Master Walker is entirely too sensitive on the subject, and has thus been led to give too keen an edge to his remarks in the report to the Grand Lodge. The M. W. Grand Master had had too recently an evidence of the estimation in which he was held by the Lodges generally, in elevating him to the chair of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, to authorize the innuendoes in his report. Your committee beg leave to offer the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge have the utmost confidence in the Rev. W. F. Walker, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, believing him a true brother at heart, alone actuated by a desire to advance the prosperity of the Craft.

"Your committee beg leave to state that the Chicago Lodges, as appears from their own circular, as set forth in the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge (pages 108, 109, and 110), have occupied a very unwarrantable position, viz.: In admitting negroes or mulattoes into any of the rights and immunities of Masonry, and in receiving petitions from reputed negroes for admission; and, therefore, although Harmony Lodge was misinformed in relation to the M. W. Grand Master (so far as we have data to found our conclusions upon), yet it appears from the circular from the Chicago Lodges, that Harmony Lodge did not materially err in relation to the aforesaid Chicago Lodges. How the Chicago Lodges consider themselves free from unqualified censure, after having made a report acknowledging the admission of a negro as a 'visitor,' and after having received a petition for membership from a negro, and that petition favorably reported on by a committee of the Lodge, your committee are at a loss to determine. It is

evident, as appears from the report of the committee of the Chicago Lodges, as set forth in the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge (on page 109), that Apollo Lodge would have admitted a negro to membership, but for the want of an expression favorable thereto by the Grand Lodge of Illinois—an expression which your committee believe never could have been obtained.

"In the report of the committee of the Chicago Lodges (see proceedings G. I. page 109), the committee seem to argue strongly in favor of the rights of negroes to admission, basing their views upon the oft-repeated declaration, that whoever is in possession of our universal language is entitled to admission into our halls throughout the habitable globe. Although at first view it would seem that it was the design of Masonry to admit all who were morally worthy from among every nation and tongue under heaven, yet if we reflect closely, we will discover that many objections interpose. 1st. Our paramount obligations to the State, doing nothing in our fraternal capacity that would tend to create social discord and disrupt the political relations of the confederate States; aware as we must be that certain institutions are recognized in one portion of our political Union which are not in others; knowing also that it is our duty as good Masons, to advance the peace and happiness of the government under which we live, which, if we do not, brings censure, merited censure, upon our time-honored Institution.

"The second objection, which has a paramount claim, is, that negroes, from the position they hold among us, resulting from the law of custom, as well as from legislative enactments, are disqualified. Their relation is such that the most favored among them in our land can not enter the inner court and there take upon them the high responsibilities of our Institution, with a view of mutual reciprocity in the discharge of all our obligations. The act presupposes the equality in every respect of the contracting parties. It does not presume that we should place ourselves in a position to discharge the imperious duties of our Craft towards those who are socially and civilly disqualified to fulfill their part of the obligation. The Author of all has placed a distinguishing mark upon them, clearly indicating that there was a distinctiveness to be kept up; and it is repulsive to the finest feelings of the heart to think that between them and us there can be a mutual reciprocity of all social privileges. And why then introduce them into our inner temple, where the closest connections are inculcated and solemnized? Other objections might be urged, but your committee deem the above hints sufficient. Your committee will not say that the time will never come when the negro may with safety be admitted to our rights; but the signs of the times do not indicate that the period has yet arrived, and it would be worse than folly to anticipate the period.

"In view of the above sentiments, your committee would offer the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge is unqualifiedly opposed to the admission of negroes or mulattoes into Lodges under her jurisdiction.

"C. G. Y. TAYLOR,
WM. MITCHELL,
DANIEL McNEIL. } Committee.

"On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolution unanimously adopted."

The present sections 81 and 82 were adopted in 1852, as standing resolution No. 44.

CHAPTER XXI.

1847.

GRAND LODGE.

The Grand Lodge of Illinois convened in eighth annual grand communication, at Quincy, on Monday, October 4, 1847.

"PRESENT:

"NELSON D. MORSE, M. W. G. M.
ABRAHAM JONAS, R. W. D. G. M., *p. t.*, and P. G. M.
JOHN R. CRANDALL, R. W. Sr. Gr. Warden.
ADAM BREWER, R. W. Jr. Gr. Warden.
JAMES L. ANDERSON, R. W. Gr. Treas.
LEVI LUSK, R. W. Gr. Sec., and P. G. M.
Rev. CHARLES HOWARD, R. W. Gr. Chap., *p. t.*
CARDING JACKSON, R. W. Gr. Lecturer.
A. C. DICKSON, W. Sr. Gr. Deacon.
MATTHIAS TAYLOR, W. Jr. Gr. Deacon.
HARRISON DILLS, W. Gr. Steward.
PETER SWEAT, W. Gr. Pursuivant.
CHAPIN ALLEN, Gr. Tyler.

"REPRESENTATIVES.

"O. C. Skinner, <i>proxy</i> , W. M.,	Boiley, No. 1.
John Crockett, S. W.,	" "
Chapin Allen, J. W.,	" "
W. W. Happy, W. M.,	Harmony, No. 3.
W. C. Sweet, S. W.,	" "
Wm. N. Ross, J. W.,	" "
James L. Anderson, W. M.,	Rushville, No. 9.
Levi Lusk, <i>proxy</i> , J. W.,	" "
Thos. J. Wade, W. M.,	St. John's, No. 13.
E. R. Roe, S. W.,	Warren, No. 14.
Wm. Mitchell, W. M.,	Peoria, No. 15.
*A. C. Dickson, W. M.,	Temperance, No. 16.

*Should have read "*proxy* for W. M."

"Matthias Taylor, W. M.,	LaFayette, No. 18.
Charles Howard, W. M.,	Franklin, No. 25.
N. D. Morse, W. M.,	Hiram, No. 26.
Wm. McMurtry, S. W.,	" "
J. C. Ketcham, S. W.,	Piasa, No. 27.
John R. Crandall, <i>proxy</i> , W. M.,	Pekin, No. 29.
Adam Brewer, W. M.,	Morning Star, No. 30.
J. C. Ketcham, <i>proxy</i> , W. M.,	Mt. Vernon, No. 31.
Geo. Wike, W. M.,	Barry, No. 34.
John P. Grubb, S. W.,	" "
N. D. Morse, <i>proxy</i> , W. M.,	Monmouth, No. 37.
Carding Jackson, <i>proxy</i> , W. M.,	Olive Branch, No. 38.
C. Steinagle, W. M.,	Herman, No. 39.
D. Hauser, S. W.,	" "
C. Ruoff, J. W.,	" "

"PAST MASTERS:

"Peter Sweat, Samuel H. Davis, No. 15; J. H. Holton, No. 39.

"VISITORS:

"L. Prentice, James Millard, J. A. Ralston, Eli H. Williams, Louis Evans, of No. 1; Andrew LeCroix, No. 9; David Wike, No. 34; Daniel Stahl, No. 39; D. W. Pressett, Aurora, No. 48; J. M. Irvin, Jerusalem, No. 19.

These two latter Lodges were probably under the jurisdiction of Missouri.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in *ample* form, and the reading of the minutes of the last annual communication dispensed with, the Grand Master delivered the following address:

"BRETHREN:—I am not prepared to give you any information of interest upon the prospects of our ancient Institution abroad, but I am prepared to report that the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge are prosperous and flourishing.

"An abstract of what I have done as Grand Master is here furnished, so far as the same is deemed of sufficient importance to engage the attention of the Grand Lodge. Minor acts and decisions, having respect to particular Lodges or local interests, it is believed to be unnecessary here to report.

"In March last I appointed Bro. O. C. Skinner, of Bodley Lodge No. 1, my proxy to attend the Grand Lodge of Missouri, to receive such propositions as said Grand Lodge should see proper to submit to this Grand Lodge on the subject of education, and proposing to take an interest in the Masonic College; and his report I herewith submit, marked A.

"In May last I received the charter of Warsaw Lodge No. 21, together with the proceedings of a meeting of said Lodge, held May 9th, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of surrendering their charter, which I here submit, marked B.

"On the 15th of August last I received a petition from George C. Lanphere and six other brethren, belonging to a company of mounted volunteers for the war in Mexico, praying for a dispensation empowering them to work as a Lodge. The annual communication being so near at hand, I did not think proper to grant them a dispensation. The petition I herewith submit, marked C.

"Since the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, I have granted dispensations as follows:

"1st. To Bro. John Foster as Master, Bro. Elijah Depew as Senior Warden, Bro. Andrew Johnston as Junior Warden, and the requisite additional brethren, to form and open a Lodge in Bloomington, McLean county, by the name o Bloomington Lodge.

"2d. To Bro. George Hawpe as Master, Bro. Jas. S. Smith as Senior Warden, Bro. Geo. W. Howell as Junior Warden, and the requisite additional brethren, to form and open a Lodge in North Caledonia, Pulaski county, by the name of Caledonia Lodge.

"3d. To Bro. Nathan Phillips as Master, Bro. Joshua Ward as Senior Warden, Bro. Amos Hill as Junior Warden, and the requisite additional brethren, to form and open a Lodge at Griggsville, Pike county, by the name of Griggsville Lodge.

"4th. To Bro. Stephen Cady as Master, Bro. Wm. K. Talbot as Senior Warden, Bro. Roderick R. Stewart as Junior Warden, and the requisite additional brethren, to form and open a Lodge in Cambridge, Henry county, by the name of Cambridge Lodge.

"5th. To Bro. George Adams as Master, Bro. Jno. Bigler as Senior Warden, Bro. Thomas I. Starr as Junior Warden, and the requisite additional brethren, to form and open a Lodge in Mt. Sterling, Brown county, by the name of Hardin Lodge.

"6th. To Bro. Wm. W. Bennett as Master, Bro. Thomas S. Roe as Senior Warden, Bro. Gabriel S. Jones as Junior Warden, and the requisite additional brethren, to form and open a Lodge in Nashville, Washington county, by the name of Hardin Lodge.

"7th. To Bro. John F. Gray as Master, Bro. Luke Coon as Senior Warden, Bro. Calvin Serl as Junior Warden, and the requisite additional brethren, to form and open a Lodge in Woodstock, McHenry county, by the name of St. John's Lodge.

"NELSON D. MORSE."

PAPERS ACCOMPANYING THE ABOVE.

"[A.]

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois:

"In compliance with your appointment hereto annexed, I attended the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, held at St. Louis, on the 16th of March last, as your proxy, in writing presented a request that said Grand Lodge should make such propositions through me to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, as they should deem proper, relative to the Grand Lodge of Illinois acquiring by purchase an interest in the Masonic College of Missouri, and also requesting any communication said Grand Lodge might see fit to make on the subject of education. Shortly after presenting my communication, I deemed it proper to withdraw the same until the question then pending of the final location of said college should be disposed of, fearing that an influence might be produced on that question not intended on my part. The Grand Lodge of Missouri located said Lodge at Lexington. I then, by the request of said Grand Lodge, presented the following communication :

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Missouri:

"The undersigned congratulates your Most Worshipful Grand Lodge on the final and happy location of the Masonic College of Missouri, and states that from difficulties appearing to him quite insuperable, and almost necessarily arising out of a "joint interest in and control over" the said college by two Grand Lodges of different States, he deems it inexpedient further to trouble your M. W. Grand Lodge on that subject. At the same time he feels free to state that a deep interest is felt among the Fraternity of Illinois in the prosperity of the college, and a desire on their part to aid in making it an honor to Masonry, and useful to the country. He also states that the Grand Loeg of Illinois and the Fraternity desire to co-operate with their brethren of Missouri in any practicable measures consistent with the spirit of Masonry, and tending to the public good. He there-

fore requests such action as your M. W. Grand Lodge may deem proper to take on the subject of establishing a Masonic and Educational Journal, jointly by the Grand Lodges of Missouri and Illinois. He also suggests that should your Most Worshipful Grand Lodge see fit to contribute by way of subscription to such journal, the Grand Lodge of Illinois would, in his opinion, provide means to establish the same at her next annual communication. He therefore takes the liberty of presenting the following resolution for such action as your M. W. Grand Lodge may take on the same, at the same time requesting any other action your M. W. Grand Lodge may feel disposed to take, relating to the subject matter of said resolution on the subject of education:

“Resolved, That should the Grand Lodge of Illinois appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars in money to the establishment and support of a weekly, monthly, or semi-monthly Masonic and Educational Journal, which shall be free to Masonic intelligence from the Grand Lodge of Missouri and the brethren members of the several Lodges of Missouri, and which shall be located and published at some point on the Mississippi river, in the State of Illinois, and which shall be devoted, 1st, to Masonic intelligence; 2d, to information and communications concerning the Masonic College of Missouri; 3d, to general intelligence and literature; and 4thly, and principally, to the subject of common schools and common school education, and to the dissemination of intelligence, knowledge, and information, the tendency and object of which shall be the establishment of a uniform and permanent system of common school education in the Western States by the people and several State governments thereof—said journal to be issued at a price not exceeding \$2 per annum; that in such case, the Grand Lodge of Missouri will take copies of the same for one year; half of said subscription the said Grand Lodge will pay to the order of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, on the appearance of the first number of such journal, and the balance in six months thereafter; said copies to be subject to the order of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and to be distributed, sent, and disposed of in such manner as said Grand Lodge of Missouri shall direct.

“Faternally,

O. C. SKINNER,

“Proxy for the M. W. Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois.”

“The time of the Grand Lodge of Missouri being necessarily much consumed by the business of the college, little could be done in getting the business of the above resolution and communication finally acted upon. The plan set forth in said resolution seems to me practicable, and an enterprise worthy of our Institution and the age we live in. The action of the Grand Lodge of Missouri on the subject here follows:

“GRAND LODGE OF MISSOURI.

“Extract from proceedings—Saturday, March 20, A. D. 1847, A. L. 5847.

“Bro. Broadhead, from the select committee, reported:

“To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri:

“The committee to whom was referred the communication of Bro. O. C. Shinner, proxy for the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, beg leave to submit the following report:

“There is no subject, perhaps, which should more cordially recommend itself to the consideration of the Grand Lodge of Missouri than that which is presented by the communication under consideration.

“We have already shown to the world by the steps which we have taken towards the establishment of a Masonic College, that we are alive to the cause of education, and devoted to the spread of general literature. Indeed, it were strange, should we, who have ever held the diffusion of light and the investigation of truth to be amongst the highest aims of our Institution, be found wanting in any efforts within our power which are calculated to promote the cause of general education.

“We rejoice to see that the Masonic Fraternity throughout the world is with us on this important subject, and more particularly do we rejoice that the brethren of our sister State of Illinois have shown, through the Grand Master, and his most worthy proxy now present, disposition to give their influence and their aid to so noble an undertaking.

“Owing, however, to the amount of business now pressing upon the consideration of this Grand Lodge, and the limited time which has been allotted us for the consideration of the important subject which has been referred to us, your committee deem it inexpedient to recommend any definite action thereon, at the present communication of the Grand Lodge, but would respectfully submit the following resolution and recommend its adoption:

"*Resolved*, That the communication of our highly esteemed Bro. O. C. Skinner, proxy for the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, be recommended to the considerate attention of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, at its next October communication.

"The report and resolution unanimously adopted:

"*I certify the foregoing a true extract, &c.*

"Attest,

"FREDERICK L. BILLON,

Grand Secretary.

"I feel enabled further to state that the M. W. Grand Lodge and brethren of Missouri in attendance, exhibited much interest in the plan, and entire confidence in its success. And I would recommend that such measures be taken as may be necessary to have the plan, or something similar, adopted at our October communication.

"Fraternally, &c., yours,

"O. C. SKINNER.

"A. L. 5847, April 8, 1847."

"[B.]

"M. W. GRAND MASTER—Sir: Warsaw Lodge No. 21 was convened on the 9th inst., to take into consideration the propriety of giving up their charter for the present. Bro. C. Hay offered the following, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That as the members of Warsaw Lodge No. 21 have no suitable room to work in, it is expedient that they surrender their charter to the M. W. Grand Master until they can procure a suitable room.

"Bro. A. J. Chittenden offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Lodge be directed to inclose the charter, with the above resolutions, to the M. W. Grand Master of the State of Illinois.

"Inclosed you will find our charter. Circumstances beyond the control of the Lodge make it their duty to suspend work for the present.

"Fraternally,

"E. F. CHITTENDEN,

Secretary."

"[C.]

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Illinois:

"Your petitioners, George C. Lanphere, George W. Palmer, John H. Mitchell, Daniel T. Denman, Wyatt B. Stapp, Ezekiel Kent, and James Townsley, would respectfully represent that they are all Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and belong to a company of mounted volunteers received into the service of the United States, and known as company B; that they are about to depart for Vera Cruz, in Mexico, to operate against the enemy there; that they are desirous of being authorized by dispensation to work under the authority of the Grand Lodge, and do respectfully recommend George C. Lanphere to be Worshipful Master, George W. Palmer to be Senior Warden, and John H. Mitchell to be Junior Warden; and they will, as in duty bound, ever pray, &c.

"GEORGE C. LANPHERE,
GEORGE W. PALMER,
JOHN H. MITCHELL,
EZEKIEL KENT, Jr.,
D. T. DENMAN,
WYATT B. STAPP,
JAMES TOWNSLEY.

"[Vouched for and recommended by Hiram Lodge No. 26.]"

The address and accompanying papers were referred to Breth. Jonas (39), Davis (15), and Taylor (18).

The following committees were appointed:

On Returns and Work of Chartered Lodges.—Breth. McMurtry (26), Happy (3), and Roe (14).

On Returns and Work of Lodges Under Dispensation.—Breth. Crandall, Taylor (18), and Anderson (9).

On Petitions and Grievances.—Breth. Davis (15), Brewer (30), and Dills (1).

On Finance and Accounts.—Breth. Ketcham (27), Mitchell (15), and Howard (25).

To Examine Visiting Brethren.—Breth. Dickson (3), and Jackson (18).

Bro. Jonas offered the following resolutions :

"The Grand Lodge of Illinois learn with affliction the death, at Peoria, of Bro. John Barney, late R. W. Grand Lecturer, and take this most fitting occasion to express their grief for his irreparable loss, and the esteem in which his character, both as a man and Mason, was held by the Fraternity.

"*Resolved*, That the members of this Grand Lodge during the present communication, as a token of respect for the memory of our late departed and venerated brother, will wear crape on their left arms.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be requested to forward a copy of the above to the widow of our deceased brother.

"*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master appoint a committee to ascertain, if possible, the pecuniary condition of Mrs. Barney, and report if she is in need of the assistance of this Grand Lodge."

Bro. Davis offered the following as an addition to the foregoing :

"And that the same committee also inquire into and ascertain the expenses incurred during the sickness and death of Bro. Barney, while at Peoria."

Which was accepted by the original mover ; whereupon the resolutions were unanimously adopted, and Breth. Jackson, Sweat, and Taylor appointed the committee.

The Grand Master was instructed to carry out the provisions and arrangements made by the Grand Stewards, in relation to a procession, the installation, and an oration on Wednesday.

The following, on motion of Bro. Crandall, was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that we are deficient in representatives from subordinate Lodges, and that too great a number of those represented are by proxy.

"*Resolved*, That to secure the very desirable object of a full representation from subordinate Lodges, such representation should be from members of such subordinate Lodges themselves ; in view thereof, the attention of the Committee to Revise the Constitution be called in that direction, and they be instructed to make provisions for raising a fund, to be denominated the representative fund."

Bro. McMurtry moved to amend the constitution so as to authorize the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, after which the Grand Lodge called off until 2 o'clock P. M.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, Oct. 4, 1847.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor. Present : as in the morning.

The committee appointed to settle with the late Grand Secretary (Wm. B. Warren), reported his accounts correct.

On motion of Bro. Brewer, Breth. Brewer, Mitchell, and Davis were appointed to inquire into the condition of Bro. Halfpenny, an indigent Mason, residing at Canton.

The Committee on Correspondence reported as follows :

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois:

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report that, in consequence of the Committee on Correspondence failing to make report to the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge, for want of time, they find on the files of the Grand Secretary, the journals and proceedings of most of the Grand Lodges in the United States for two consecutive years, of which the following is a list: Missouri, Maine, Virginia, Indiana, Mississippi, Ohio, Maryland, Florida, Louisiana, Michigan, Arkansas, Alabama, Wisconsin, New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Iowa, District of Columbia, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Tennessee, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania, with many pamphlets, circulars, and letters, some of which will be noticed in another part of this report.

"The journals and proceedings of the various Grand Lodges are generally marked with great ability, and manifest a zeal for the ancient landmarks and order of our beloved and time-honored Institution, commensurate with the cause in which we are engaged.

"For your committee to say that they have perused the history of the acts and doings of the several Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge with pride and satisfaction, is but a meager tribute.

"From the cursory glance your committee have been able to take at the mass of matter before them, they are highly gratified to see that the Craft are flourishing to an almost unparalleled degree, throughout the length and breadth of the land. From every point of the compass the sound of the gavel is reverberated in grateful tones, the fires upon our ancient altars burn brightly, and temples dedicated to brotherly love, relief, and truth are being erected all over our wide-extended country. Brethren whose heads are silvered with the frosts of many winters, and who, from the force of circumstances, were compelled for a season to lay by their implements and spend the vigor of life (Masonically) in inactivity, are knocking off the rust, resuming their working tools, and coming up to our temples with alacrity and delight; while the young, stimulated by their example, are anxiously seeking admittance into our ancient and honorable Institution.

"The march of ancient Freemasonry is onward, and apparently with increasing strength and beauty, and bids fair not to be stayed in its course until time shall be merged in the vast ocean of eternity. But it was not to dilate upon the prosperity of Freemasonry that your committee were appointed; they will therefore be excused if they drop this subject and return to the duty assigned them.

"Your committee are much gratified to see that the practice of opening Grand Lodges with an address or message from the presiding officer, is becoming general, and promises greatly to enhance the interest of the Craft and beautify and adorn the work. Some shrink from this duty, and suppose that the subject of Freemasonry has been so often discussed that nothing new can be said; but the perusal of the numerous addresses of Grand Masters which have been before your committee, indicate that there are gems yet in the mine which will compare in beauty and brilliancy with any that have been brought out.

"In the discharge of the duty assigned to your committee, they desire equally to avoid what is aptly denominated the "stereotyped edition" of reports, and that other extreme, of extending their report to an immoderate length, by inserting many and long extracts from orations, addresses, and letters from dis-

tinguished brethren, unless they can be applied immediately to the work of our own Grand Lodge. Many excellent, very excellent things have been said and written which your committee would be gratified to see placed in the hands of every brother and on the desk of every Lodge; but this your committee conceive would be more properly and effectually done, if necessary, by a special committee, and published in an appendix to the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, than to be interspersed in a report of this kind.

"Your committee have thought that they could not better fulfill the duties assigned them than to give a synopsis from the proceedings of each Grand Lodge, and bring to the notice of this Grand Lodge the measures agitated for perpetuating the ancient landmarks of our Order, with such matters as have been suggested or acted upon for the promotion of any laudable or praiseworthy design. They therefore take up the journal of each Grand Lodge in the order before named.

"MISSOURI.

"Freemasonry is flourishing in this jurisdiction. We have the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its annual communications in October, 1845 and 1846, and an adjourned communication in March, 1847, at which time thirty-three Lodges were represented. The business has been generally of a local character. At each annual communication the Grand Master presented a message, recommending such measures as he deemed called for the action of the Grand Lodge. The Committee on Correspondence made a report against the representative system, as not productive of sufficient good to compensate for the expense; and also against a General Grand Lodge, because that Grand Lodge on prior occasions had deemed it unnecessary and inexpedient.

"Your committee are gratified to learn that this Grand Lodge has begun the work of eradicating the innovations upon our ancient landmarks from her constitution, by repealing the clause requiring the degree of P. M. to be conferred upon Wardens.

"The following resolution was adopted in March, 1847:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to collect from the standard works of the Order, or otherwise, such information as will enable them clearly to define what are the "ancient constitutions," and what the "ancient usages" of the Order, and report at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge."

"Another resolution was adopted authorizing the Grand Secretary to procure certain works to enable the committee to discharge the duty. Your committee deem this an example worthy of imitation. At the communication in 1846, this Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That so much of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana as relates to the organization of said Grand Lodge, and the 4th article of said constitution, are in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, inconsistent with, and utterly subversive of, the principles and constitutions of Ancient York Masonry."

"Your committee deem it unnecessary to copy that clause which relates to the organization of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. It so amended the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, 'as to have it constituted after three rites, viz.: the Ancient Rite of York, the Scotch Rite Ancient and Accepted, and the French, or Modern Rite.' That was done. And since that time the Most Illustrious Grand Lodge of Louisiana enjoys alone the right of legislating and regulating the symbolic Masonry in Louisiana. With these rights your committee are wholly unacquainted, and therefore make no comments. The said part of

the constitution and the 4th article were ordered to be published. The 4th article is in these words:

"ART. 4. The sons of Masons, when presented by their father or tutor, are dispensed with the condition concerning the age, and may be received when they are eighteen years old. But it is well understood that they can not be received Master Masons before they have attained their twenty-first year. No dispensation contrary to this article shall be granted."

"In respect to the 4th article, your committee concur in the opinion expressed by the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

"The energies of this Grand Lodge have been entirely devoted to the praiseworthy object of establishing its Masonic College. At the adjourned meeting in March, it was determined to remove the college to the city of Lexington, in Lafayette county, and sell the property in Marion county. The Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at Lexington on the 18th of May, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new edifice.

"Preliminary steps are taken to erect a grand Masonic hall in St. Louis.

"MAINE.

"We have the journals of this Grand Lodge at its annual communications in June, 1846, and May, 1847. At the last communication twenty-two Lodges were represented. The business is of local character. The committee to whom the subject was referred, reported adversely to granting Grand Lodge certificates. Your committee can not find that the General Grand Lodge or representative system have been adopted or rejected.

"VIRGINIA.

"The journals of this Grand Lodge for the annual communications held in December, 1845 and 1846, indicate much care and intelligence in their preparation. The representative system and General Grand Lodge are, and have been by this body steadily opposed. Their correspondence is fully and ably reported. The Correspondence Committee animadvert upon innovations on the ancient practices of the Order, such as to adjourn a Lodge; to move an adjournment; to call for ayes and noes; to ask for the previous question: to limit debate by a fixed rule; or to enter a protest on a Masonic journal; are all novelties and need correction, say they.

"INDIANA.

"The journals of the Grand Lodge of Indiana for May, 1846 and 1847, have been examined by your committee. The M. W. Grand Master, Isaac Bartlett, in 1846 laid before them an address replete with practical suggestions and sound Masonic instruction, and indicates a mind deeply imbued with a love for the Institution. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a very able report, which evinces much care and labor in its compilation. Twenty-eight chartered Lodges and eight U. D. were represented. The General Grand Lodge question was in 1846 referred to the consideration of the subordinate Lodges. In May, 1847, it was taken up and laid on the table. Upon the representative system they wish to stand 'noncommittal.'

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence for 1847 aimed to vie with the preceding committee, but want of time prevented them from completing the design.

"The Grand Lodge has made some progress towards establishing a 'widows' home and manual labor school;' which is suspended for the present.

"Your committee regret to learn from the proceedings for May, 1847, that the Grand Lodge, under its by-laws, was compelled to interdict Masonic intercourse with Johnson Watts, its Grand Master, in consequence of his having been suspended by a chapter, and he was deposed from the office of Grand Master. The subject was brought before the Grand Lodge by the said Johnson Watts himself, in a letter to the Grand Lodge, declining to take his station as Grand Master. A committee was appointed to whom the matter was referred, with instructions to examine into the truth of the rumors, and report charges, if true; and if not true, to exonerate him from any unjust imputation in such unfounded rumors. The committee, after a full investigation of the matter, finding the evidence entirely insufficient to sustain the charges, recommended the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master be requested to take his station as such, and discharge the duties of his office;"

"Which, after some discussion, was amended by striking out the resolving clause, and inserting the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted:

"*WHEREAS*, Proof has been exhibited to this Grand Lodge that Bro. Johnson Watts, our Grand Master, has been suspended from all the privileges of Masonry by King David's Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of the State of Indiana, of which Chapter Bro. Watts was a member; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That without expressing an opinion as to his guilt or innocence, all Masonic intercourse with Bro. Johnson Watts by Masons under this jurisdiction is highly improper, and should be totally interdicted during such suspension."

"Ought such things to be? Your committee think not. There is a resolution of our Grand Lodge of the same kind, which your committee have ever believed was adopted in haste and without due consideration, which is now inoperative, and which your committee hope will be continued so by rescinding the resolution.

"MISSISSIPPI.

"The journals of this Grand Lodge for January, 1846, and February, 1847, excite considerable interest. The communication of 1846 was opened by the M. W. Jno. A. Quitman, Grand Master, in an address exhibiting the condition of Masonry, and calling the attention of the Grand Lodge to important matters for its action, among which the subject of education received its share. A General Grand Lodge was approved, properly restricted.

"Your committee have noticed some action of the Grand Lodge of Missouri in relation to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. The Grand Lodge of Mississippi have gone still further, and after a full investigation by a committee, have adopted resolutions disfranchising the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and declaring a readiness to grant charters and dispensations within the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and have, it is believed, actually granted such dispensations. The Grand Lodge of Louisiana, at its last communication, appointed a committee upon the subject, who made a spirited report, and offered a resolution interdicting all Masonic communication between the Masons of the three first degrees of that State and the members of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, as also between the Masons of Louisiana and every collection or body of persons who assume to hold Masonic Lodges within the State without a dispensation or warrant of constitution from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. Preambles and resolutions were also adopted, forewarning all Grand Lodges, or other supreme Masonic authority located in any

part of the world, from granting charters, warrants, or dispensations to constitute Lodges in the State of Louisiana, disfranchising them if they do so, and also all individual Masons of that State who hold Masonic intercourse with such Grand Lodges. The report, preamble, and resolutions are on the Grand Secretary's desk, to which the Grand Lodge is particularly referred. That the Grand Lodge of Louisiana should, and of right ought to have, exclusive jurisdiction co-extensive with the State, is the opinion of your committee. If the Grand Lodge of Mississippi should arrogate to itself the right, and actually grant a dispensation or warrant to constitute a Lodge within the limits of this State, your committee do not doubt that if, after proper remonstrance, she should persist in the wrong, this Grand Lodge would unhesitatingly declare such Lodge clandestine, and interdict all Masonic communication with the Grand Lodge, and also with the members of the Lodge so constituted. Your committee believe that both the Grand Lodges of Mississippi and of Louisiana have acted too precipitately—the first by granting dispensations, and perhaps charters, before the Grand Lodge of Louisiana could have an opportunity of remonstrating; and the other by too hastily adopting her stringent resolutions without an attempt to effect a reconciliation. Your committee are satisfied that there are objectionable features in the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, particularly article 4, recited in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, they consider an innovation upon the old constitutions, which require that a man must be of lawful age, which is held by all to be 21 years, before he can be received into a regular Lodge; nor do your committee know of any provision granting exclusive privilege to the sons of Masons. Your committee suppose that if the Grand Lodge of Illinois or any other Grand Lodge were to amend their constitution so as to permit such Lodges as choose to cumulate Odd-Fellowship and Sons of Temperanceism upon the degrees of Masonry, they would as properly be deemed regular as are the Louisiana Masons with their cumulative rights.

“OHIO.

“Your committee recur with pleasure to the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for October, 1845 and 1846. The addresses of the Most Worshipful William B. Thrall, Grand Master, are full of instruction, and are characteristic of a heart devoted to the welfare and prosperity of our ancient and honorable Order. The reports of the Correspondence Committees are worthy of an attentive perusal. The business at each communication is principally local. Seventy-nine chartered Lodges and eight U. D. were represented. We congratulate the brethren of Ohio upon their apparent prosperity. From the report of the Correspondence Committee, this Grand Lodge disapproves of a General Grand Lodge and representative system, and has repudiated Grand Lodge certificates.

“MARYLAND.

“This Grand Lodge meets semi-annually, in May and November. We have the journals of four consecutive communications, the last in May, 1847. These journals are got up in a very neat and orderly manner, and possess much interest. The addresses of their talented and beloved Grand Master, the M. W. Charles Gilman, are pertinent and in good style. This Grand Lodge is earnestly and vigorously engaged in the establishment of a fund for the erection of an asylum for the aged and orphans of the Craft in that State. The qualifications of Masters and Wardens of subordinate Lodges, and of candidates for the

second and third degrees, has received the attention of this Grand Lodge, in relation to which the following resolution has been adopted:

“Resolved, That no Lodge in the city of Baltimore shall install as Warden any brother who has not previously been installed as Master or Warden of said Lodge, unless he is qualified to perform the work and lectures in the several degrees as recognized by this Grand Lodge, and that he is thus qualified he shall produce the certificate of the Grand Lecturer.

“The Grand Lodge has left the subject of Grand Lodge diplomas to the discretion of subordinate Lodges whether they will demand them or not. The Correspondence Committee have devoted some six pages or more to the subject of a General Grand Lodge, in which they discuss the arguments of several Grand Lodges for and against the question. The proposition is approved by the Grand Lodge. It might perhaps be proper here for your committee to say something upon this momentous subject, if time and the limits of this report would permit. But your committee deem any action of this Grand Lodge in the premises unnecessary. They find in the correspondence budget of the Grand Secretary, a circular from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, informing him that a majority of the Grand Lodges had assented to the proposition, and perhaps had appointed delegates, and that he expected the convention would meet in Baltimore on the 23d of September. This Grand Lodge, therefore, can take no action that will avail anything.

“FLORIDA.

“This Grand Lodge holds its communications on the first Monday in December of each year. Your committee have perused with interest the journals for 1845 and 1846. They exhibit a flourishing condition of the Craft in that jurisdiction. The Correspondence Committee made a report covering forty pages, which evinces much care and labor and no small share of patience in its compilation. They appear to favor a General Grand Lodge. Eight chartered Lodges and two U. D. were represented at the communication in 1846. The constitution of the Grand Lodge of Florida is appended to the proceedings of 1846.

“LOUISIANA.

“The journals of this Grand Lodge for January, 1846 and 1847, have been looked into. Your committee are unable to comprehend so much cumulation. Accompanying it is a report of a committee upon the subject of their difficulty with the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, and also preambles and resolutions noticed in our report upon that Grand Lodge.

“MICHIGAN.

“This Grand Lodge is now recognized in a legal form, and we extend to her the hand of fellowship, and bid her ‘God speed’ in her onward course. The journals of her annual communications in January, 1846 and 1847, indicate a healthy and flourishing condition of the Craft. Eight chartered Lodges and five U. D. were represented at its last communication. Four charters were granted. A General Grand Lodge is approved; Grand Lodge certificates repudiated.

“ARKANSAS.

“The journals of this Grand Lodge for November, 1845 and 1846, represent her in a very flattering light. The reports of the Committees on Correspondence indicate intelligence and skill. A resolution was adopted approving a General Grand Lodge, and a delegate was appointed. Eight chartered Lodges and one U. D. were represented. A charter was granted to Eldorado Lodge No. 13.

"ALABAMA.

"The journals of this Grand Lodge at its communication in December, 1845, have been examined. No proceedings for 1846 have been received. Masonry appears to be in the ascendant in this jurisdiction. Forty-nine Lodges were represented in annual communication. The Correspondence Committee reported against the establishment of a General Grand Lodge.

"WISCONSIN.

"The journals of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin for the communications held in January, 1846 and 1847, show that they have men of talents and abilities among them, who seem to be engaged heartily in reforming abuses and in adopting measures for the government of the Craft. The Committee on Correspondence made a general report, in which they glance at the prominent measures of most Grand Lodges, and in the close bring to the notice of the Grand Lodge the conduct of Washington Lodge No. —, Missouri, in conferring the degrees of E. A., F. C., and M. M. on one who had been rejected by Melody Lodge No. 2, Wisconsin, and who, after one year, had renewed his petition, and while his petition was pending before Melody Lodge No. 2, he went to Missouri and obtained the degrees, returned to Wisconsin with a diploma, and claimed the rights of a visiting brother. The M. W. Grand Master, A. D. Smith, after paying a very handsome and appropriate tribute to the memory of their late R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Thos. P. Burnett, brings to the notice of the Grand Lodge various matters for their consideration. Your committee notice that the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, at its late session, conferred the degrees of E. A., F. C., and M. M. on a Rev. Mr. Whitaker. Your committee would ask if this is not trespassing upon the jurisdiction of a subordinate Lodge.

"NEW YORK.

"The transactions of this Grand Lodge, held at two communications, June, 1846 and 1847, possess great interest. The extensive foreign, or European correspondence which this Grand Lodge holds, gives an interest especially to the reports of the Correspondence Committee beyond that of any other Grand Lodge. On the subject of a General Grand Lodge, the Correspondence Committee say: 'Your committee think that the action of this Grand Lodge, in April, 1823, should remain unchanged, and be considered as its present opinion.' Her Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund is, by the liberality of Lodges and individuals, accumulating very fast, and bids fair to enable them to say, 'in New York the Freemasons take care of their own poor.' The representative system is discussed at great length by the Committee on Correspondence. Your committee had intended to quote some of the arguments in its favor, but time and the limits of this report forbid. If we were to notice all that is interesting in the journals before us, it would extend our report to an almost unparalleled length. On the subject of representatives, your committee can not refrain from noticing that the New York committee, in their closing remarks, say: 'As for the expense to the Grand Lodges, we have not yet had occasion to calculate the little item of postage attendant upon it, and that is all the expense which has been contemplated to be borne by this Grand Lodge.' Your committee would like to know if the magnificent sash and apron sent to Bro. Le Blanc Marconnay, of Paris, their representative in France, cost nothing but a little 'item of postage.' The expense was the principal objection which the Grand Lodge of Illinois had to the system in 1845.

"Your committee will also notice that the Correspondence Committee, at the communication in 1846, in enumerating a list of letters, circulars, and other documents which they had before them, name a 'Masonic newspaper, entitled the *Masonic Signal*, published at Madison, Georgia, in which is an article treating "on the old constitutions and ancient landmarks of our Order," and which (they say) our brethren of Illinois would do well to read.' We take this hint of our brethren in New York very kindly, and if they, in the plenitude of their benevolence, will be kind enough to send us that paper, we *will* read it with pleasure, and endeavor to profit by its precepts.

"CONNECTICUT.

"The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for the annual communications in May, 1846 and 1847, indicate that the Institution there is progressing. Twenty-two Lodges were represented at the last communication; the business generally local. They oppose a General Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge certificates.

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a report, in which they appear to hail with pleasure the re-appearance of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and rejoice that, from the 'signs of the times,' the day has dawned when it will no longer be said, in reference to the Masonic position of Vermont, '*the North is the place of darkness.*'

"SOUTH CAROLINA.

"The proceedings of this Grand Lodge occupy the whole year, 1846, in quarterly and special meetings. The business is purely local. By a circular letter therefrom, we are informed that the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and several members of Walhalla Lodge No. 66, at Charleston, had been suspended for refusing to submit to the mandate of the Grand Lodge, directing the restoration to membership in their Lodge of two members suspended or expelled by them, they preferring to surrender their charter, which they did; after which, the Grand Lodge suspended the Master, Wardens, and majority members, until they shall acknowledge their errors and submit to the authority of the Grand Lodge. The warrant was afterwards ordered to be returned to the *minority*, upon a pledge that they would conform to the Ancient York Rite, as practiced in that jurisdiction.

"A copy of the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, and a list of the grand officers since the union of the two Grand Lodges of that State, accompany the proceedings.

"TEXAS.

"The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas, for January, 1846, indicate a praiseworthy zeal for the ancient landmarks. The Grand Lodge celebrated the festival of St. John, on the 24th of June, 1845, by invitation of Washington Lodge No. 18, and on the same day received the report of a committee on the transactions and work of said Lodge, and adopted the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That Washington Lodge No. 18 receive from the Grand Master a reprimand for the unmasonic and irregular proceedings which have been permitted in their labors.

"*Resolved*, That should such innovations or irregularities continue, or similar instances occur to those which have come to the notice of your committee, they would recommend that their labors as a Lodge be suspended.'

"At the January meeting, 1846, the Deputy Grand Master in his report suggests that 'in the formation of new Lodges, it ought to be required that they have not only the recommendation of the nearest Lodge, but that the principal officers

named in the petition should be vouched for as competent to confer the three degrees, according to the ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity.' This suggestion we think worthy of the attention of all Grand Lodges.

"A resolution was also adopted requiring that in the examination of visiting brethren who are strangers, not only the ancient usages, customs, and landmarks be carefully sustained, but that they be in possession of a Grand Lodge certificate, under which jurisdiction they may have been last a member.

"To promote the universality of Masonry, it was

"*Resolved*, That a universal convention is hereby recommended of all legal Masonic bodies, to be holden at London, on the first Monday of July, A. D. 1850.'

"They hold themselves ready to send a representative. The Grand Lodge of Texas consider a General Grand Lodge a novelty, an innovation, an experiment in Masonry, and instruct their representatives everywhere to oppose, unequivocally, anything tending towards the organization of a General Grand Lodge of the United States.

"Your committee learn by a circular from Bro. A. S. Ruthen, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Texas, that the proceedings of that Grand Lodge, at its last communication, were addressed to our Grand Secretary. They have not yet come to hand. We are pained to learn also, by the same circular, that that Grand Lodge has sustained a serious loss by the burning of their archives by fire, at Austin, by which were destroyed many valuable matters that can not be replaced.

"NEW HAMPSHIRE.

"The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire have sent us the proceedings of their annual communication, held in June, 1846. Sixteen Lodges were represented. The Grand Lodge certificate question was indefinitely postponed. The subject of a General Grand Lodge was postponed to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, as also the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Your committee regret that those proceedings have not come to hand.

"NORTH CAROLINA.

"The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for December, 1846, come to us full of interesting matter. The address of the M. W. Grand Master, P. W. Fanning, contains many important reflections, upon which your committee would like to dwell, but the great length to which our report promises to extend, from the amount of matter before us, suggests the necessity of brevity. Your committee feel compelled to notice a few things that pertain particularly to our own Grand Lodge. The Grand Master in his address says:

"I regret exceedingly to perceive that the Grand Lodge of Illinois still pertinaciously persists in imposing, as a pre-requisite to Masonic admission, an unwarrantable test, sanctioned by no authority or usage, but condemned almost universally. The most untiring watchfulness of all who venerate the Order of Freemasonry, and desire its perpetuity, is constantly required to save it from finally running into sectarianism. If innovations be not summarily checked, Masonry will soon lose its boastful universality of character, and become in its influence exclusive and partial. Opinions, I know, adverse to my own on this subject, are honestly entertained, but that alone does not give them sanction. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted a very lengthy report, reviewing pretty thoroughly the entire ground of Masonic government and practice. Although the committee have been industrious, and presented some extremely valuable suggestions, yet they have fallen into some errors—their first and eleventh resolutions may be so classed.'

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence disagreed with the Grand Master in respect to the first resolution, and offered a similar resolution appended to their report. Your committee do not know whether the resolution was adopted or not, but suppose it was.

"With the sentiments and opinions of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina your committee fully concur, the report and resolution of the Correspondence committee to the contrary notwithstanding. The Grand Master of North Carolina might have embraced some other resolutions with the first and eleventh, as errors of this Grand Lodge, which have been rendered inoperative, and your committee hope to see rescinded at this communication.

"Your committee feel unwilling to trespass upon the time and patience of the Grand Lodge by offering any arguments in support of their views and opinions. Your committee will, however, ask the indulgence of the Grand Lodge, to state a few facts which will tend to show the great propriety and necessity of Grand Lodges giving ample time (from one communication to the next) for their committees to make their reports on foreign correspondence, that their reports may be made at an early hour of the session, and important portions, if necessary, be referred to committees. Had this been the case with the Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1845, your committee feel confident that at least some of the resolutions of that session which are deemed obnoxious to the old constitutions and ancient landmarks of the Order, not only by your committee but by many of the Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, would have been rejected. But to the facts.

"1. The labor of preparing the report and the resolutions was performed entirely by the chairman of the committee, of which one of your present committee was a member, made so by particular request in place of one who asked to be excused.

"2. The report was never exhibited to the other members of the committee, at least to him who is a member of the present committee, for concurrence or approval, nor did he ever see it to read until it appeared in print.

"3. It was read, as long as it is, to the Grand Lodge on Thursday morning (at a time when the member of your present committee was unavoidably and busily engaged in other important matters), received, and the thirteen resolutions considered, and a great amount of other business transacted before the Grand Lodge finally adjourned its session before one o'clock, P. M., such was the haste to enable brethren to take seats in the stages for their homes.

"4. After having been received in such haste, it was recommitted to the chairman of the committee for him to *amplify* and prepare for publication. The chairman of the committee took it with him to Chicago, where it was published with the proceedings. The resolution recommitting it does not appear in the printed proceedings as made out in the transcript of the Grand Secretary, but in the caption to the report it appears to be 'referred back to the same committee, to be prepared for publication' (perhaps for the sake of euphony). Circumspection is a Masonic virtue, but in this instance the Grand Lodge of Illinois failed to observe it, in the humble opinion of your committee.

"IOWA.

"The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, at its communication in January, 1846, have been carefully examined. Your committee find that, by a resolution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, the next grand annual communication

of the Grand Lodge was to have been holden on the first Tuesday in June, 1847, provided a majority of the subordinate Lodges approve the amendment of the first section of the by-laws. In the event of the non-approval of the said amendment, your committee can not guess when they will meet again in Grand Lodge. No provision appears to be made. The journal before your committee indicates a good degree of skill, and the Craft appear to be flourishing. The Grand Secretary made a very pretty report on foreign correspondence. The journal shows seven chartered Lodges and two U. D.

"DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

"The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia sends us proceedings from November, 1845, to January, 1847. There is quite an amount of business transacted, mostly local. They favor a General Grand Lodge.

"RHODE ISLAND.

"The journal of this Grand Lodge before the committee is an abstract of proceedings from September, 1844, to June, 1846, inclusive. Dealings with several delinquent Lodges are the principal transactions. It appears that several Lodges had ceased to labor, and individual members had sold the property and converted the funds to their own use. Do Masons forget 'justice?' There are two reports on foreign correspondence, both possessing the merit of brevity.

"KENTUCKY.

"The journal of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky at the annual communication in August, 1846, shows that the Craft are in a high degree prosperous and flourishing. It contains the second annual report of the board of trustees of the Masonic College, with a catalogue of students numbering 198 from nine states, four from France, and one from Spain. This Institution flourishes beyond the expectation of its most sanguine friends, and bids fair at no remote period to rank among the first institutions of the land. The M. W. Grand Master, William Holloway, delivered a very appropriate address at opening of the Grand Lodge, in which he remarks that 'the past season has been one of unusual activity among the Craft throughout our jurisdiction, as will be seen from the number of new dispensations and the returns from the various Lodges.' Eight Lodges received charters, and one dispensation continued. Your committee are gratified to learn that the same activity still prevails. We are informed, through the *Masonic Mirror and Organ of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky*, that since December last thirteen dispensations for the formation of new Lodges have been granted. This Grand Lodge opposes a General Grand Lodge.

"TENNESSEE.

"This Grand Lodge held its annual communication in October, 1846, the journals of which your committee have perused with no ordinary pleasure. The address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Edmund Dillahunt, is most eloquent and able. Your committee would be pleased to quote many paragraphs from it, but our limits forbid. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made an able report from the journals of some seventeen Grand Lodges. Your committee regret that the proceedings of our Grand Lodge for 1845 was one among the missing. We are assured by Past Grand Master Walker, who superintended the publication, that he addressed one to each Grand Lodge in the United States. The committee incline to the opinion that the time has not yet arrived to establish a General Grand Lodge, but think that good may be done by occasional conventions. A select committee on education submitted a report and resolutions, which were adopted. The second resolution recommends the opening of subscriptions by subordinate Lodges, for the establishment of a college.

"VERMONT.

"While making a list of the journals put into their hands by the Grand Secretary, your committee anticipated great pleasure in announcing to this Grand Lodge that the desolating storm of bitter and vindictive persecution against our Order, which passed over our whole country and affected every portion of it to a greater or less degree, and which seemed to spend its utmost violence and fury against the Fraternity in Vermont, has at length passed entirely away, and while its low murmurs are heard in the distance, the sound of the gavel salutes our ears from the ever-verdant hills of Vermont, the workmen have gathered their tools from the rubbish and ruins, and the Grand Lodge has renewed its labors in the supervision of the Craft. But we are called to pause and examine the ground on which we stand, lest it may be holy ground.

"In none of the journals before your committee is the Grand Lodge of Vermont mentioned, except in the transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York. We suppose the reason is that other Grand Lodges had not received the Vermont journal prior to the communication of which we have the journal. In the journals of the Grand Lodge of New York, your committee notice in the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, that that committee has given a concise history of the Grand Lodge of Vermont from its first constitution, October 14, 1794, to the 14th of January, 1846, and then interpose a question for the consideration of the Grand Lodge of New York, whether the organization of the Grand Lodge of Vermont has been kept up from 1836 to 1846, according to the general laws of the Institution or the constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Vermont? Your committee regret exceedingly they have not been able to find any action whatever of the Grand Lodge of New York upon the suggestion of her committee. What means this silence? Does the Grand Lodge of New York intend to give the question the go-by, and let it pass for what it is worth? Or has it been thrown out as a feeler to sound the opinions of other Grand Lodges? Your committee would have been more than gratified to have seen some action of the Grand Lodge of New York upon the subject. We should then have had the light and experience of that ancient, intelligent, and experienced body to guide us in this (to us) untrodden path.

"In the journal sent to us from Vermont, your committee find the following resolution, which was passed unanimously:

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to our late Most Worshipful Grand Master, Nathan B. Haswell, for the firmness, fidelity, and ability with which he has so acceptably discharged the duties of Grand Master of this Grand Lodge for the long period of sixteen years."

"Bro. Haswell, it appears, was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont long before the identity of that body could with any propriety have been questioned. Shall we then now disfranchise them because, while the tornado rushed over them as with the besom of destruction, and threatened to level the walls of our ancient and time-honored Institution with the dust, and leave no vestige of Freemasonry in the land, and while many shrank from the merciless blast, a few noble spirits, emulous of that great example of firmness, integrity, and virtue, vivid in their recollection from the time they were first invested with the jewels of Master Masons, breasted the storm, and while tossed upon the sea of persecution, by an eye of 'faith' they beheld in the dim distance one bright spot upon the horizon that gave them 'hope' that better days would arise, and they should again be as a city set on a hill, diffusing joy and gladness in the dispensation of their 'charity.'

"As a Grand Lodge, they may have been vested of legal rights by the State, and if those rights are surrendered may never again be obtained. Perhaps to secure these rights and hand them down unimpaired to succeeding generations, was not the least inducement to them to withstand the sneers and contumely and overcome the 'thousand difficulties which beset their path and enable them successfully to resist encroachments from enemies without and foes within the Masonic fold.' Your committee will desist, hoping that the matter will be committed to abler hands to search for the right.

"MASSACHUSETTS.

"The journals of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, from September, 1845, to June, 1846, inclusive, have been examined with pleasure. Their work appears, as they profess, to be conducted according to the old constitutions. They have appointed the Rev. Bro. William James Carver as their representative in the Grand Lodge of England, but seem to wish that it should not be construed into a precedent to govern them in their social intercourse with their sister Grand Lodges in the United States. They have elected the Rev. and R. W. Bro. George Oliver, D. D., of Scopwick, England, an honorary member, with the rank and privileges of a Past Deputy Grand Master, and W. Robert Thomas Crucifix, M. D., of London, with the rank and privileges of P. Senior Grand Warden.

"PENNSYLVANIA.

"We seldom see any of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. Pennsylvania is called the Keystone State, and does her Grand Lodge put her light under a key and keep it hid? One design on our Masonic trestle-board teaches that our light should not be put under a bushel, but on a table, that all may see. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has this time condescended to lift the curtain a little and give us a glimpse of what she can do. She has sent us a very neat pamphlet containing a list of grand officers and committees, and also a very sensible address from the M. W. Grand Master, James Page, which treats several subjects in good style, and exhibits the financial condition of the Grand Lodge as very flattering.

"Your committee have also examined a number of miscellaneous documents, circulars, reports, and pamphlets, of which we note particularly the *Masonic Mirror and Organ of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky*, a monthly magazine devoted to Masonic intelligence and literature, ably edited by several brothers, and published by William C. Munger, Covington, eight numbers of which have been received by the Grand Secretary and submitted to us. They contain many able and eloquent addresses and well written essays upon different subjects. We consider it a valuable periodical, and recommend it to those of the Craft who are desirous of encouraging a Masonic periodical. As the work was not ordered, your committee suppose it is intended as a compliment to the Grand Lodge by the editors, for which they have our thanks.

"We find also on the files of our correspondence the second annual report of the trustees of the Masonic College at LaGrange, Ky., accompanied by the following letter:

"'MASONIC COLLEGE, LA GRANGE, Ky., October, 1846.

"'SIR AND BROTHER:—Herewith I have the pleasure of transmitting to you a copy of our last annual report to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

"'As our effort is purely of a Masonic character, and one which must deeply interest the Fraternity at large, I trust you will excuse the liberty I take in

saying to you that we are forming a library and collection of minerals, &c., and will properly appreciate and duly acknowledge in our next report to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky any donations of books, maps, coins, minerals, &c., which you may find it convenient to make to the Institution, and that you will promote the cause of education and of Freemasonry by doing for us what you can in this respect, and by interesting your friends in our behalf.

“Please direct to the care of Willis Stewart, Esq., Louisville, Kentucky.

“Very respectfully and fraternally yours,

“J. RANDOLPH FINLEY, *President.*

“To LEVI LUSK, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Illinois.”

“Circulars from the Grand Lodges of Connecticut and Vermont, giving a list of officers elect and their proper signatures attached.

“A circular letter from members of a committee of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, calling the attention of this Grand Lodge to a report and series of resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana in relation to the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

“The Grand Secretary acknowledges the receipt of a package of circular letters from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, notifying this Grand Lodge of the existence of clandestine Lodges in New York, and submitting to this Grand Lodge the propriety of refusing to examine any person hailing from that State who does not produce a Grand Lodge certificate signed by their Grand Secretary and sealed with their Grand Lodge seal. These circulars have been distributed to the grand officers and most important points in this jurisdiction, with a request that the Lodges in the vicinity of each should be informed of their contents.

“A circular from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, in relation to the action of that Grand Lodge in the matter of Walhalla Lodge No. 66, reference to which has been had in a former part of this report.

“Your committee feel unwilling to close this report without adverting to some matters of general interest.

“GENERAL GRAND LODGE.

“Your committee deem it unnecessary for this Grand Lodge to take any action upon the propriety or impropriety of the establishment of a General Grand Lodge. We have seen a circular, sent to the Grand Secretary (copies of which were sent by him to the M. W. Grand Master), from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, stating that a majority of the Grand Lodges had expressed themselves favorable to a General Grand Lodge, and that it was expected that delegates would convene in Baltimore, on the 23d of September, for the purpose of forming a constitution. If that convention met as was anticipated, it will have closed its labors before this time, and no action of this Grand Lodge can avail anything. The proceedings of the convention, if it met, will probably be received by this Grand Lodge before its next annual communication, and this Grand Lodge can then act advisedly.

“CONFERRING DEGREES ON NON-RESIDENTS.

“This subject was discussed at some length by the Correspondence Committee of this Grand Lodge in 1845, as will be seen by recurring to their report, and it would seem almost superfluous for your committee at this time to waste time in its consideration; but it appears from many of the communications before them, that this matter is assuming a more general interest, and demands that some decisive measures should be adopted to prevent the evil. Your committee

are not cognizant of any infringement of this kind having been committed upon the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, but they have noticed in some of the journals complaints of recent date. Maryland complains of Virginia, and Wisconsin complains of Missouri. Your committee conceive that it is a point conceded on all hands, that the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge is co-extensive with the limits of the State or territory within which such jurisdiction is exercised, and in no case can a Grand Lodge extend its jurisdiction into a State or territory in which there is a Grand Lodge, or suffer its subordinate Lodges to initiate, pass, or raise a person who is known to have his residence beyond its own jurisdiction. Various Grand Lodges have given an expression on the subject, but their various action has all resulted the same, and seems inadequate to remedy the evil. The Grand Lodge of Ohio decided that 'persons residing under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, who willfully and knowingly obtain the degrees of Masonry in a foreign jurisdiction, shall not be regarded as Masons;' but if they pursue this course ignorantly, and the person is worthy, he shall be 'recognized as a brother.' The Grand Lodge of Maryland says: 'If from selfish motives—from distrust of his acceptance, or from other cause originating with and existing in himself—an individual willfully and knowingly travels into a foreign jurisdiction and takes the Masonic degrees, he shall be held and considered a clandestine Mason.' The Grand Lodge of Virginia conclude that a man can not be a clandestine Mason who was made in a regular Lodge; 'that to constitute a clandestine Mason, he must be made in a clandestine Lodge—that is, in a Lodge working without a regular charter.' The Grand Lodge of Maryland admit the argument, and say their 'resolution, instead of declaring an individual clandestine, should expel him.' This resolution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland was not sufficient to deter one who had been rejected by a Lodge in Maryland from applying to a Lodge in Virginia. Your committee therefore conclude that subordinate Lodges which receive or entertain the petition of a person who has not a *bona fide* residence within their jurisdiction, without first obtaining the unanimous consent of the Lodge nearest the residence of such person, should be made amenable to and punished by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Maryland, by their committee, say, upon the subject of one Lodge conferring the degrees upon an individual residing within the limits of another Lodge in the same State: 'Subordinate as well as Grand Lodges should have their limits well defined, beyond which neither should travel. This should more especially be the case with subordinate Lodges. It is presumable that Masons, if members of a Lodge, are so in the Lodge nearest their residence, and it is most probable that individuals residing within the limits of any given Lodge, will be best known by the individuals constituting that Lodge. Much has been said of guarding well the portals of the Institution—of the necessity of great care in selecting those who are to be members thereof—of caution that the unworthy be kept out. If subordinates do not respect territorial limits, and the Grand Lodges do not enforce respect in such an important particular, the door is left open to the unworthy, and they will enter thereat. This is an important preliminary to a careful and safe guardianship of the portals of our temple, and if strictly enforced, there will be less room for complaint.'

"THE CASE OF WISCONSIN AND MISSOURI.

"From the report of the committee, this appears rather aggravated, but your committee find, that a correspondence of the Grand Masters is recommended, and we trust the matter will be amicably adjusted.

"THE PAST MASTER'S DEGREE.

"The usages of various Grand Lodges have hitherto been different, some Grand Lodges restricting the degree only to those who had been elected to preside over a regular Lodge, others authorizing and some requiring it to be conferred on Wardens elect, while others permitted or perhaps authorized it to be conferred on any worthy Master Mason who wished it. Your committee deem it unnecessary to discuss the matter at present. The practice of conferring the degree on any but Masters elect is giving way, and the usage of Grand Lodges is generally settling down upon the original doctrine that the degree belongs of right to none but such as have been elected to preside over a regular Lodge, so far as the Grand Lodge is concerned. A chapter has the control of the degree only so far as to confer it on such as have been elected candidates for the Royal Arch degree, and should not confer the degree upon any one as Master of a Lodge subordinate to the Grand Lodge. Yet one who has received the degree in a chapter may be elected and installed to preside over a regular Lodge, and be entitled to all the privileges of Past Master of a Lodge. Your committee concur in the opinion expressed by the Grand Lodge of Florida, that a Grand Lodge has not the right to confer the degree; and we concur also with the views of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, indorsed by the Grand Lodge of New York, that the Master elect must be qualified to preside by his predecessor or some other who has actually presided as Master.

"EDUCATION.

"Your committee deem it only necessary to name the subject of education to this Grand Lodge. It was brought to our notice by the Correspondence Committee in 1845, and preliminary steps taken towards adopting some method of dispensing our Masonic charity. Your committee have incidentally brought this subject before the Grand Lodge in former portions of this report, in speaking of Missouri and Kentucky, which have institutions of learning conducted by the Grand Lodges of their States, which are now in a prosperous and flourishing condition, and are dispensing their benefits to a goodly number of the orphan sons of worthy Masons. New York, Indiana, Maryland, and several other Grand Lodges, have in good earnest begun the work in one form or other, and shall Illinois lie behind? All, your committee feel satisfied, are convinced of the propriety of doing something. Then why delay? Are our means small? Then begin in a small way. From small causes great effects are often produced.

"Your committee have now in a very imperfect and hasty manner gone through with the correspondence—hasty, because other avocations crowded upon them, and imperfect on account of the great amount of matter which it has been their duty to examine. They have endeavored to lay before the Grand Lodge in as concise and perspicuous a manner as possible, such of the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges as were deemed important to this Grand Lodge in particular or to the well-being of the Craft in general. How far they may have succeeded in their design will be left for others to judge. Your committee are aware that they have necessarily passed over many matters of interest, and which they promised to notice, but in consequence of the double duty imposed on them of reporting the correspondence of two consecutive years, they were admonished in the outset that to attend to everything proper would extend their report to an unwarrantable length, and perhaps weary the patience of the Grand Lodge without profit.

"In the discharge of the duty assigned to your committee, they have been alternately gratified and pained. They have been gratified at the unprecedented prosperity of our ancient and time-honored Institution, and at the developments of its powers for the promotion of morality and human happiness. On the other hand they have been greatly pained to witness the great severity with which some of the committees treat the actions and opinions of other committees and Grand Lodges, calling their resolutions 'unjust and absurd,' and not only 'unjust,' but 'abominable and wicked,' &c., &c. If one Grand Lodge decides that although a man may have lost a finger or toe, or is not every whit whole, yet if he is capable of being instructed in our mysteries he is a proper candidate, another Grand Lodge would call it making a Mason of 'part of a man,' 'a blind man.' When will Masons learn that Masons are but men, and that men are liable to err, and that the better way to correct error is not denunciation and abuse, but reason and candid argument prudently enforced.

"Finally, your committee desire that the members of the Grand Lodge should not pass hastily and carelessly by the many topics which have been adverted to; that they will not, as is too often the practice of Grand Lodges, adopt without due deliberation the doctrines by them set forth; and where your committee may have failed to carry out fully their duty, they trust the individual members will be diligent to bring up, in proper form, all matters omitted or left unfinished by your committee.

"The necessity of great care and due deliberation in the reception of reports, from Committees on Foreign Correspondence particularly, is obvious. The Grand Lodge is held responsible for all contained in the report which the record says 'was concurred in,' or 'was read and adopted.' And although the committee may have inculcated doctrines or advocated propositions which, if submitted as a simple, disconnected proposition, would receive unqualified disapprobation, yet they are adopted in the report, and sent forth as the deliberate opinions of the Grand Lodge. Hence the necessity of having such reports presented at an early day of each communication. If this practice is pursued, much error will be likely to be avoided, and more uniformity of action will mark our labors.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"L. LUSK,
JAMES L. ANDERSON, } Committee."
SAML. H. DAVIS.

The report of the committee was laid on the table for consideration.

Breth. Skinner (1), Dickson (3), and Jackson (18), were appointed a committee to report all unfinished business from the last session.

Bro. Warren offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

"It is with feelings of deep affliction that the Grand Lodge of Illinois have learned the loss which the Fraternity have sustained in the death of our distinguished brother, Col. John J. Hardin. By the nation his loss has been deeply felt and greatly deplored. To them he was known as a statesman—bold, honest, and energetic; alike distinguished in the halls of council as upon the field of battle. Wherever duty and honor called, there he was—foremost in the field, and last to retire. His biography is now the history of our country. To his fellow-citizens his loss is great; but to his Masonic brethren, his place can never be filled—yet, though his seat be vacant in our halls, his memory will ever live, green as the sprig of cassia; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the members of this Grand Lodge will wear the usual badge of mourning during the present session, as a mark of respect for their lamented brother, John J. Hardin.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of our late brother."

Communications were received from Breth. Starkweather, of Chicago, I. P. Hatfield, of Chicago, and James Wirick, of Peru, which were referred to appropriate committees.

The Grand Secretary reported that Columbus Lodge No. 6 had surrendered its charter and the accounts of the Lodge. The matter was referred to the Committee on Chartered Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 8 o'clock Tuesday morning, at which time it was again called to labor.

Present: as on the day previous, with the additions of Z. P. Cabanis, W. M. No. 4, and proxy W. M. No. 19; William B. Mills, W. M. No. 35.

Bro. Chatterton was permitted the use of the money loaned him at the last annual communication, for the further term of one year, upon his giving his note with interest at six per cent.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported as follows:

"The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they have examined the printed proceedings of the last annual communication, and find undisposed of the following:

"1st. On page 21, a resolution offered by Bro. Ralston, as follows: '*Resolved*, That the last clause of Section 16, of the By-Laws, be and is hereby repealed.'

"2d. On page 22, the following: '*Resolved*, That all amendments to the Constitution proposed at the last grand annual communication, be laid on the table until the next grand annual communication, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to inform all the subordinate Lodges that have not already reported their action thereon, to report at the next grand annual communication.'

"3d. On pages 30 and 31, and appended to the report of the committee to whom was referred certain resolutions of Bodley Lodge No. 1, the following: 1st. '*Resolved*, That the operation of resolutions Nos. 1, 7, and 11, on pages 57 and 58, and of the resolutions on pages 13 and 14, of the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, held at Jacksonville, A. D. 1845, be and are suspended until the opinion of the subordinate Lodges be obtained; and that said opinion be requested to be sent in at the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.' 2d. '*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the several subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, to procure so far as it may be practicable and convenient, the names of all Master Masons residing within their respective jurisdictions, and report the same in their annual communications, for the information of this Grand Lodge.'

"4th. On page 34, 'On motion, the report and resolutions from Warren Lodge No. 14 were ordered to lie on the table.'

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"O. C. SKINNER,
CARDING JACKSON, } Committee."
A. C. DICKSON.

The report of the committee was laid on the table.

The following communication from Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 31, was received and laid on the table "for the present:"

"A question has arisen in our Lodge whether we can suspend or expel a Fellow Craft or Entered Apprentice for unmasonic conduct. If we can, how can it be done, and in what Lodge must he be tried? He can not, of course, be tried in a Masters' Lodge, because he can not be heard; nor in a lower Lodge, because no business can be done in those but conferring the degrees.

"W. W. BENNETT,
W. J. STEPHENSON,
Committee on behalf of the Lodge."

The following communication from Bodley Lodge No. 1, was presented by Bro. Dills, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

"WHEREAS, Bodley Lodge No. 1 has from time to time paid into the funds of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, the sum of one hundred and twenty-seven dollars or more, and it does not satisfactorily appear by the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge, to what purpose such funds have been applied, or what amount is still on hand; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That our representatives in the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication, be instructed to use all the influence in their power to have a satisfactory investigation and report upon all things relating to such funds, ascertaining what amount has been paid by the several subordinate Lodges into the treasury of the Grand Lodge, and for what purposes, *definitely*, they, or a part of them have been applied, and what amount is now or ought to be in the treasury of the Grand Lodge.

"The above preamble and resolution was adopted at an adjourned regular meeting of Bodley Lodge No. 1, held in the city of Quincy, on Monday evening, September 27th, 1847.

"Attest:

LEWIS WATSON, *Sec.*"

An account of Bro. Sweet, of Jacksonville, for printing, was referred to the Committee on Finance. This bill was presented in 1845, and tabled.

The Committee on Petitions and Grievances reported as follows:

"The Committee on Petitions and Grievances have had before them a letter from Bro. Isaac P. Hatfield, a member of LaFayette Lodge No. 18, Chicago, complaining of the arbitrary conduct of Past Grand Master Walker, in expelling him from the degrees of Masonry, and asking justice of this Grand Lodge.

"He states that he was, and legally still is, a member of Apollo Encampment, in Chicago. That on the 5th day of October, 1846, he received notice from the said Walker that he had been expelled therefrom, in which notice his attention was called to a resolution purporting to have been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1845, declaring that suspension or expulsion from an Encampment carried with it suspension or expulsion from all the lower degrees, and that under this resolution of the Grand Lodge, he was declared by the Grand Master to be so expelled. He further states that he is unconscious of wrong doing towards Apollo Encampment; that no charge or charges were ever preferred against him by that body; that of course he never had a hearing therein, nor any charges to reply to; and that he has not to this day received any notice of his expulsion, except through the said Grand Master Walker. In conclusion, the petitioner asks whether or not the said Grand Master Walker had any authority for his action in the premises, and whether this Grand Lodge sanction and approve thereof.

"Your committee are relieved from what would otherwise be the most difficult part of their duty in passing upon this case, by the action had at this session of the Grand Lodge on the foreign correspondence report of 1845. The Grand Lodge has now decided that the resolutions accompanying that report were not adopted constitutionally, if adopted at all, and that consequently they never were binding on the action of subordinate Lodges. The particular resolution, therefore, referred to, is null and void, and suspension or expulsion from an Encampment does not, by the same act, carry with it suspension or expulsion from the inferior degrees. Whether it should do so or not, is a question for the Grand Lodge to decide, if they shall deem it necessary to act thereupon. The question, in the opinion of the undersigned, is not before them for their decision. From a certificate accompanying the statement of the petitioner, it appears that he is now a member of LaFayette Lodge, Chicago—a position he is certainly competent to hold, for anything that appears in the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge to the contrary. The committee offer the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That inasmuch as the matter of grievance complained of by Bro. Hatfield grew out of the enforcement of a resolution which had never received the deliberate sanction of this Grand Lodge, and has therefore been declared void, the said Hatfield have leave to withdraw his petition.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"SAM'L H. DAVIS, }
H. DILLS, } *Committee.*
ADAM BREWER. }

The Committee on Petitions and Grievances also made the following report:

"The Committee on Petitions and Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of Bro. James Wirick, a member of the late Helm Lodge, U. D., asking that his Masonic standing may not be affected by the act of the Grand Lodge excising said Helm Lodge, for the reason that at the time of such excision, he was absent from the State, beg leave to report: That a resolution meeting all contingencies of this sort was adopted by the last Grand Lodge, in the words following (page 33, proceedings 1846):

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the suspension of a subordinate Lodge by this Grand Lodge, only affects the standing of its individual members so far as they participate in disregarding the edicts of this Grand Lodge after the first information thereof coming to their knowledge, and providing such individuals by their act shall not have been the cause of the action of this Grand Lodge declaring such Lodge suspended or clandestine.

"Deeming this resolution to meet the case now referred to the committee, they ask to be excused from any further consideration of the subject.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"SAM'L H. DAVIS, }
H. DILLS, } *Committee.*
ADAM BREWER. }

So much of the report as related to Bro. Hatfield, was adopted. So much as related to Bro. Wirick, was accepted, and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges reported the returns and work of Nos. 1, 3, 4, and 8, correct. Exceptions were taken to the work of No.

19, inasmuch as petitions were received, acted on, and the petitioners initiated on the same day.

The Committee on Lodges U. D. reported as follows:

"The Committee on Returns and Work of Lodges Under Dispensation, respectfully report that they have examined the returns of Cambridge and Unity Lodges, and find them correct, and dues paid. In relation to Cambridge Lodge your committee remark, that a charter is prayed for to hold their meetings alternately at Cambridge, in Henry county, and at Rock Island, in Rock Island county. It is recommended that the prayer be granted, so soon as a copy of their by-laws shall be furnished to the Grand Master, and by him approved.

"In relation to Unity Lodge, your committee are advised that a dispensation was granted by our late Grand Master Walker, about the expiration of his term, to run for twelve months from date. Your committee are of opinion that Grand Master Walker exceeded his authority in granting a dispensation beyond the meeting of the Grand Lodge next succeeding the date of said dispensation, for which Unity Lodge ought not to be held responsible. Your committee are further advised that this Lodge was organized with a brother as Master different from him (Bro. Barry) mentioned in the dispensation, at the recommendation of the Grand Lecturer—a fact to which your committee call the attention of the Grand Lodge, without expressing any opinion thereon. Your committee also recommend some slight alterations in the by-laws which they have noted. Your committee further recommend that a charter be granted to Unity Lodge as Unity Lodge No. —.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"JAS. L. ANDERSON,
J. R. CRANDALL,
M. TAYLOR. } Committee."

The following Grand officers were then elected:

"WILLIAM LAVELLY, Springfield, M. W. Grand Master.
JOHN R. CRANDALL, Peoria, R. W. Dep. Gr. Master.
JOSEPH C. KETCHAM, Alton, R. W. Senior Gr. Warden.
MATTHIAS TAYLOR, Chicago, R. W. Junior Gr. Warden.
WILLIAM McMURTRY, Henderson, R. W. Gr. Treasurer.
WILLIAM MITCHELL, Peoria, R. W. Gr. Secretary.
Rev. N. P. HEATH, Peoria, R. W. Gr. Chaplain.
E. R. ROE, Shawneetown, R. W. Gr. Orator.
DAVID M. KITTINGER, Alton, W. Gr. Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, Oct. 5, 1847.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor. Present, as in the morning.

Bro. Warren was appointed a committee to attend upon and invite the attendance of Bro. Stephen W. B. Carnegy, Past Grand Master of Missouri.

Breth. Mitchell (15), Anderson (9), and Davis (15), were appointed a committee to examine the charter granted the Grand Lodge of Illinois by the General Assembly, and ascertain whether any action of the Grand Lodge was necessary in regard to the same.

"Bro. Warren then introduced Bro. Carnegie, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, who was received with the usual grand honors, after which Bro. Carnegie made a very pertinent and beautiful address," and of which he was abundantly capable.

The resolution of Bro. Happy, offered at the preceding communication, to permanently locate the Grand Lodge, was taken up and laid on the table.

The question then arose as to where the Grand Lodge should hold its next communication. A ballot was taken, which resulted in favor of Alton—it receiving 16 votes, Peoria 10, and Springfield 4. It was then

"*Resolved*, That the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge be held at the city of Alton, on the first Monday in October next."

Bro. Warren offered, as an amendment to the by-laws, the following :

"Hereafter no Lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge shall vote by proxy."

On motion of Bro. Happy,

"*Resolved*, That each subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be required to furnish each deceased brother Master Mason's widow, who is in good standing, with a certificate of such brother's standing at his death, that she may derive the advantage belonging to a Master Mason's widow."

The bill of Bro. Sweet, amounting to \$8.50, for printing blanks for grand officers, and which was disallowed in 1845, was allowed.

The special committee to whom was referred the subject of investigating the pecuniary circumstances of the widow of John Barney, and also the expenses incurred during his sickness and death at Peoria, reported as follows :

"The select committee, to whom was referred the subject of investigating the pecuniary circumstances of the widow of our late brother John Barney, and also the expenses incurred during his sickness and death while at Peoria, report that, in the opinion of your committee, the widow of our late brother John Barney does not demand the assistance, in any pecuniary point of view, of this Grand Lodge. They further report and recommend that this Grand Lodge pay out of the charity fund belonging to said Grand Lodge, the sum of \$146.75, it being for expenses incurred by the sickness and burial of our late brother John Barney, while at Peoria. We would recommend that the above sum be paid to Bro. Mitchell, Master of Peoria Lodge, to be by him paid over to the different persons according to their bills presented, except \$16 to be deducted from Bro. A. O. Garrett's bill.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"CARDING JACKSON,
PETER SWEAT,
M. TAYLOR. } Committee."

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

Bro. Davis offered the following, which was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That in issuing charters to subordinate Lodges they be numbered consecutively, according to the date of the application therefor; and that when a charter is rescinded or surrendered, the number of said Lodge shall remain vacant, to be resumed when such charter shall be restored."

The committee to whom was referred for investigation the case of Bro. John Halfpenny, of Canton, reported that said brother was over eighty years of age, in reduced circumstances, and utterly unable to provide for himself, and recommended an appropriation of forty dollars, which was concurred in.

Several accounts against the Grand Lodge having been presented (what for is not stated), the Grand Lodge was called off until 8 o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Oct. 6, 1847.

The Grand Lodge called to labor at 8 o'clock.

Present, as on the previous day.

The special committee appointed to examine the charter granted to this Grand Lodge by the Legislature of the State of Illinois, made a report as follows:

"The committee appointed to examine the charter granted by the Legislature of the State of Illinois, incorporating this Grand Lodge, would respectfully recommend that the three trustees provided by said act to be appointed be now elected by ballot, as other officers of this Grand Lodge, and the committee would also recommend that hereafter all notes, bonds, and other instruments, for the payment of money or performance of duties, be made payable to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, that being the incorporate name of this Grand Lodge.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"WILLIAM MITCHELL, }
 JAMES L. ANDERSON, } *Committee.*
 SAMUEL H. DAVIS.

Bro. Howard presented a petition for a new Lodge at Nauvoo, to be named Mt. Moriah, which was referred to Breth. Skinner (1), Jonas (39), and Holton (39).

On motion of Bro. Lusk,

"*Resolved*, That Macomb Lodge No. 17 be permitted to rescind a resolution entered upon their records on the 3d day of October, 1846, upon their making return and paying their dues for 1847."

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported as follows:

"The Committee on Petitions and Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of John W. Chenoworth, formerly a member of Bodley Lodge No. 1, report that the petitioner sets forth that he was a few years since expelled by said Bodley Lodge, and he now asks that measures may be taken for his reinstatement. He does not point out any irregularity in the proceedings which resulted in his expulsion, nor give any reason for what may be called his appeal. The committee, therefore, have nothing before them on which to adjudicate. If the conduct of the petitioner since his expulsion has been such as to satisfy Bodley

Lodge of his reformation, that body will unquestionably recommend his reinstatement; in which case the Grand Lodge will take pleasure in complying with their request.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"SAMUEL H. DAVIS,
H. DILLS,
ADAM BREWER. } Committee."

"On motion, the report was accepted and the committee discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

"The Committee on Petitions and Grievances also made the following report:

"The Committee on Petitions and Grievances, to whom was referred the proceedings of Springfield Lodge No. 4, on the expulsion of Josiah Wickersham, late a member of said Lodge, report that, although the proceedings contain the original notice of the said Wickersham to appeal from the action of said Lodge on his case, yet no appeal therefrom has been submitted to your committee, and consequently there is nothing calling for their interference. From a careful perusal of the proceedings of Springfield Lodge referred to, your committee have reason to conclude that its action was regular and deliberate, and from the evidence before us, we can not do otherwise than concur in its decision.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"SAMUEL H. DAVIS,
H. DILLS,
ADAM BREWER. } Committee."

"On motion, the report was adopted and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject."

The committee upon the revision of the constitution and by-laws asked until the next regular communication to make their report, and suggested the appointment of some brother to fill the place of P. G. M. Walker, he having left the State; whereupon, Bro. E. R. Roe, of No. 14, was appointed.

The charter of Charleston Lodge No. 35 was authorized to be altered and amended by striking out the name of Henry Eckles, and inserting Thomas C. Moor, in lieu thereof.

The Deputy Grand Master (Bro. John R. Crandall), in the absence of the Grand Master elect (Bro. Lavelly), announced the following appointments:

"W. C. HOBBS, Bloomington, W. G. S. Deacon.
W. B. MILLS, Charleston, W. G. J. Deacon.
PETER SWEAT, Peoria, W. G. Marshal.
TIMOTHY SOUTHER, } Alton, W. G. Stewards.
E. J. HARPER, }
JOHN H. HOLTON, Quincy, W. G. Sword Bearer.
WEBB C. QUIGLEY, Pekin, W. G. Pursuivant."

Bro. Happy presented a petition for a new Lodge at Carrollton, to be called "Fletcher," which was referred to Breth. Happy (3), Ketchum (27), and Howard (25).

The Grand Secretary was instructed to have printed, for the use of subordinate Lodges, a sufficient number of blank returns.

The "constitution and by-laws" of St. John's Lodge were referred to the Committee on Lodges U. D. This Lodge is now St. Mark's, at Woodstock.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, for the purpose of attending the procession, installation of grand officers elect, and hearing the oration arranged to be delivered at the Methodist church in the city of Quincy.

At half-past one o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called to labor. "The several grand officers having been installed, took their several stations and places."

In this portion of the record there is a mistake. Bro. Lavelly was not present at the time of his election, nor indeed during the entire session. It is the only instance, thus far, of a Grand Master of our Grand Lodge having been elected who was not present at the session of the Grand Lodge over which he was elected to preside, and of the installation of such officer by proxy.

Bro. Mitchell having now to perform the duties of Grand Secretary, was relieved of his position on the Finance Committee, and Bro. Skinner (1), substituted.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 3 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, Oct. 6, 1847.

The Grand Lodge resumed its labors.

Present: "Officers and members as at the adjournment."

The committee to whom was referred the petition for a dispensation for a new Lodge at Nauvoo, reported favorably, and the dispensation was granted.

The Committee on Lodges U. D. reported the returns and work of Bloomington, Hardin, Griggsville, Temple, and Caledonia Lodges correct, and recommended the granting to each a charter. The numbers in the report of the committee were left blank, to be filled by the Grand Secretary, according to a resolution heretofore quoted.

These Lodges were granted charters as Bloomington No. 43, Hardin No. 44, Griggsville No. 45, Temple No. 46, and Caledonia No. 47.

The representatives of these Lodges were invited to take seats, as such, in the Grand Lodge.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry brethren at Carrollton, recommended the granting them a dispensation to open and hold a new Lodge to be called "Fletcher Lodge," which recommendation was concurred in.

Bro. Skinner offered the following, which was laid on the table:

"WHEREAS, In compliance with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, the M. W. Master of this Lodge appointed Bro. Carding Jackson Grand Lecturer of this Grand Lodge, to visit the several subordinate Lodges and lecture to such Lodges; and whereas said Grand Lecturer has, in compliance with his appointment, duly visited many Lodges for such purpose, and has received a remuneration wholly inadequate; therefore,

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge allow to said Bro. Jackson for his services as such Lecturer already rendered, the sum of \$—.

Past Grand Master Jonas offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted :

"The Grand Lodge of Illinois having survived and outlived the dangers and perils of childhood, and having taken its station in the bright constellation forming the Masonic family of the United States, it becomes its duty to carry out, as far as practicable, those principles of charity and benevolence which more particularly are placed under its immediate notice and control, and to show the world that we intend to practice those great objects which we say govern and influence us in our operations; and the time having now arrived for some action on the part of the Grand Lodge in regard to the future disposition of its resources, therefore,

"Resolved, That a committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be during the recess of the Grand Lodge, to obtain all the information in its power, as to the most appropriate manner of employing the resources of the Grand Lodge, and prepare and report some plan for the action of the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication."

Breth. Jonas (39), Holton (39,) and Ketcham (27), were appointed said committee.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which was adopted :

"The Committee on Unfinished Business to whom, among other matters, was referred the resolution of Bodley Lodge No. 1, inserted on page 5 of printed proceedings of 1846, asking for the rescinding of a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of 1845, declaring a single ballot to entitle a candidate to the three degrees of Masonry (see p. 13, printed proceedings of 1845), report that, in their opinion, the resolution of Bodley Lodge is called for by this innovation on the usages of Masonry, and they therefore offer the following resolution :

"Resolved, That the resolution in Grand Lodge proceedings of 1845, (page 13 of printed minutes), be rescinded, and that subordinate Lodges be required to ballot for candidates in every degree.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"O. C. SKINNER.
CARDING JACKSON, } Committee."
A. C. DICKSON.

The bonds of the Treasurer and Secretary were received and approved.

The Committee on the Returns and Work of Chartered Lodges reported the returns and work of Nos. 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40, correct, and dues paid. The returns of Nos. 15, 29, and 35 were deemed irregular, inasmuch as the dates of reception of petitions were not stated, and there had been hastiness in conferring degrees.

Bro. Sweat offered the following, which was laid over one year :

"Resolved, That the constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended by adding to the fourth article the following : ' And shall be a member of the Lodge he is deputed to represent.'"

Bro. Sweat also offered the following, which was also laid over one year:

"*Resolved*, That the eighth section of the by-laws be so amended as to read after the words charity fund in the fourth line of the printed copy in proceedings of 1845, 'the further sum of twenty-five cents annually for each member belonging to their Lodge at the time of making their annual returns, which shall be set apart as a representative fund.'

"*Resolved*, That an additional section be added to the by-laws of this Grand Lodge, which shall be as follows:

"*SEC. 19.* That each subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Gr and Lodge, shall be entitled to one representative to the Grand Lodge, who shall be paid out of the representative fund five cents for each mile's travel going to and returning from the annual communication; the mileage to be computed according to the shortest traveling distance between the residence of the representative and the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge."

On motion of Bro. Lusk,

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire into the Masonic standing of the Grand Lodge of Vermont."

Breth. Lusk (9), Davis (15), and Dills (1), were appointed said committee.

On motion of Bro. Davis, the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was adopted and ordered to be printed. Bro. Jonas was requested to furnish a copy of his address delivered before the Grand Lodge, as was the Grand Chaplain a copy of the prayer delivered by him at the time of the installation.

The Grand Secretary was directed to have 350 copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge published, and furnish each Lodge five copies, each Grand Lodge one copy, and each officer of the Grand Lodge one copy, and the remainder to be held for the use of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Jonas submitted the following report on the Grand Master's address:

"The committee to whom was referred the report of the M. W. Grand Master on the first day of this communication, beg to report that they have examined the same, and, from its contents, deem this a proper occasion to congratulate the Grand Lodge on the prosperity and increased strength of the Masonic family under its jurisdiction. In regard to the communication from Bro. Skinner, the proxy of the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, containing his communication to that Grand Lodge with the accompanying answer to the same, your committee deem no action of this Grand Lodge to be at this time necessary. The committee have read the letter from the Warsaw Lodge, accompanying the Grand Master's report. That Lodge surrenders its charter because there is no suitable room to hold their meetings in Warsaw. That Lodge, however, does not forward to this Grand Lodge any account of its affairs and condition, which is required.

"The committee have also examined that portion of the report which refers to an application from G. C. Lanphere and others, belonging to a company of mounted volunteers, who have gone to the Mexican war, in the service of the United States. Your committee, waiving the question of right on the part of

this Grand Lodge to grant such a dispensation, think it unnecessary to comply with the request of the petitioners. In conclusion, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

"1st. *Resolved*, That no action is at present necessary on the subject contained in the communication of Brother Skinner to the Grand Lodge of Missouri and its answer thereto.

"2d. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will receive the surrender of the charter of Warsaw Lodge, whenever that Lodge shall forward to the Grand Secretary a written statement of its condition and affairs.

"3d. *Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of Brother Lanphere and others, praying for a dispensation to a company of mounted volunteers.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. JONAS,
SAML. H. DAVIS, } *Committee.*
M. TAYLOR.

Bro. Cabanis moved to amend the third resolution by striking out all after the word resolved, and inserting :

"That the M. W. Grand Master be instructed to issue a dispensation for a traveling Lodge in Mexico, according to the application of Brother Lanphere and others."

Which, on motion of Bro. Jonas, was laid on the table, and the report and resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Bro. Roe, the dues of Equality Lodge No. 2 were remitted, in consequence of that Lodge being unable to meet and enjoy Masonic privileges during the past year, owing to the absence of her officers and the majority of her members in Mexico and elsewhere.

Bro. Davis offered a resolution, which was laid on the table, to the effect that Masons uniting in a petition for a dispensation, thereby disconnected themselves with the Lodge to which they belonged, and when such dispensation was received and accepted, the members to whom it was granted were to be considered as having withdrawn from the Lodge or Lodges to which they belonged prior to the granting of the dispensation. Several bills and accounts having been presented and referred to Breth. Davis (15), Anderson (9), and McMurtry (26), the Grand Lodge was called off until 7 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Oct. 6, 1847.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 7 o'clock. Several bills for crape, stationery, printing, expenses of delegate to Missouri, music at installation, etc., were allowed.

Bro. Ketcham offered the following resolutions :

"1. *Resolved*, That charity, benevolence and interest make it the duty of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois to provide for the maintenance and education of the destitute orphans, male and female, of the deceased brother Master Masons, and of such others as the Grand Lodge may direct.

"2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge will forthwith proceed to adopt suitable measures to obtain from the Craft and the public such pecuniary aid as may be requisite for the accomplishment of the object aforesaid.

"3. *Resolved*, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master appoint a committee of three to solicit donations of money and property, to be applied to the establishment and endowment of the Institution aforesaid.

"4. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed, with instructions to digest and arrange the necessary plans for such academy of learning.

"5. *Resolved*, That the Institution aforesaid, when organized, shall forever remain under and subject to the control of this Grand Lodge, and shall be conducted in strict accordance with the principles, customs, and constitutions of Ancient Freemasonry.

The resolutions were adopted, and Breth. Ketcham (27), Jonas (39), and Holton (39), were appointed as the committee.

Bro. Cabanis offered the following, which was adopted by a vote of ayes and noes. Ayes, 17; noes, 11.

"*Resolved*, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master be authorized to grant dispensations for traveling Lodges attached to the Illinois regiments in Mexico, to work in the territory thereof, to any brethren qualified, who may be engaged in the service of the United States in that country; provided they shall not initiate, pass or raise, any persons but residents of the State of Illinois; that such Lodges shall in all cases comply with the requisitions of the constitution and by-laws of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and shall return such dispensations at the expiration of their term of service.

A resolution to allow an additional sum of \$25 to Bro. Andrew, for attendance upon Bro. Barney during his sickness at Peoria, was tabled.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge were, upon motion of Bro. Jonas, tendered Past Grand Master Morse for the impartial, able, and dignified manner in which he had presided over the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows :

"The Committee on Finance and Accounts report: That they have examined the following accounts and bills presented, and recommend that they be allowed, viz.:

To H. Dills, for expenses to Jacksonville	\$7 50
To Bartlett & Sullivan, for printing.....	2 50
To Louis Booth, " "	2 50
To C. M. Woods, " "	2 50
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	\$15 00

That they have also examined the Grand Treasurer's account for the year 1847, and find the same correct, and a balance in his hands of the Grand Lodge fund the sum of.....\$351 37

Of the Grand Charity fund, including a note of Bro. Chatterton, the sum of.....131 35

Total amount in Treasurer's hands.....\$482 72

"That they have also examined the Grand Secretary's account for the same year, and find the same correct, showing a balance in his hands of the sum of\$546 50

"They further report that they have examined the account of the Grand Secretary additional\$21 10
 Also to credit for 4 seals, which they find correct..... 8 00

Total\$29 10
 Also money received by him at this communication..... 24 00

Leaving to his credit, to be deducted out of said sum found in his hands, \$5 10

Which, deducted from grand amount, leaves in Grand Secretary's hands
 the sum of\$541 40

"And the committee further beg leave to report: That they deem it quite impracticable, in the short space of time allowed them, to examine the books and papers of this Grand Lodge since its organization to the present time, and ascertain with any degree of certainty the whole amount of funds received by this Grand Lodge, from whom the several items of the same were received, with the several amounts thereof, and the disbursements of said fund, with the several items thereof, so as to render a full account of receipts and disbursements of said fund up to the present time. The committee can not attribute fault to any officer having the conduct of the financial affairs of this Lodge at any time heretofore, or to any officer whose office has expired at this communication; but, on the contrary, attribute the difficulty wholly to lapse of time, the frequent change of officers and the present confused condition of the books and papers of said Lodge for the several first years of its existence.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"JOSEPH C. KETCHAM, }
 CHAS. HOWARD, } Committee."
 O. C. SKINNER.

Breth. Bailhache (27), Happy (3), and Davis (15), were elected Trustees of the Grand Lodge, according to the act of incorporation.

On motion of Bro. Mitchell,

"*Resolved*, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master be authorized, if necessary, to require the attention of the Trustees to such business as he may think proper, and which may come within their jurisdiction during the ensuing year, unless otherwise provided by the Grand Lodge."

Bro. Dills offered the following:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will hereafter allow no bills for music at its public processions, nor for advertising its meetings, nor for any other printing connected therewith, than handbills announcing its order of exercises.

On motion, the resolution was laid on the table.

Past Grand Secretary Lusk was allowed one hundred dollars for his services as Grand Secretary.

The dispensation for St. John's Lodge (Woodstock) was continued until the next communication.

Bro. Brewer offered a resolution to the effect that the Grand Lodge inquire into the expediency of appropriating a certain sum to defray

the expenses of, and compensate a Grand Lecturer, whose duty it should be to visit the Lodges and establish a uniform mode of working. The resolution was laid on the table.

The communication from Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 31, in relation to the trial of Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, was referred to Past Grand Masters Lusk, Jonas, and Morse, they to report at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. McMurtry offered a resolution directing the subordinate Lodges to vote for some place as the permanent location of the Grand Lodge, the place obtaining the largest number of votes to be considered as the permanent location of the Grand Lodge. Which was laid on the table.

Bro. Davis reported on behalf of a special committee appointed to examine various Masonic publications, forwarded to the Grand Lodge with a view to sale, that the books were in the hall, subject to the examination of the brethren themselves, and asked to be discharged, which was done.

Bro. Crandall offered the following, which was adopted :

"WHEREAS, A diversity of opinion exists among subordinate Lodges as to the duty of the Wardens in the absence of the Master of the Lodge, many believing that they have all the powers which the Master should of right exercise, and others believing that a Warden can only preside during the absence of the Master, but with no authority to confer degrees without he should also be a Past Master; and as the opinion of the Grand Lodge is desired on the subject; therefore,

"Resolved, That a Warden during the absence of the Master may preside, but that he has no power to confer the degrees, without he is also a Past Master."

On motion of Bro. Cabanis,

"Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Education be allowed the use of any books or papers in the possession of this Grand Lodge, provided the same are not wanted by the Grand Secretary in the discharge of his duty, and that they be returned at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge."

Breth. Mitchell (15), Davis (15), and Anderson (9), were appointed Committee on Correspondence.

Bro. Skinner offered the following :

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge recommend to the following Lodges that they pay Bro. Jackson \$10, for his services in lecturing at each of said Lodges, in addition to the amount before paid him by them respectively, the same being necessary, as appears to this Grand Lodge, to a suitable remuneration to Bro. Jackson for his services rendered."

Which was decided by the chair to be out of order, and not admissible. Whereupon, Bro. Skinner took an appeal from the decision, and the Grand Lodge sustained the chair.

Bro. Roe offered the following resolution :

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that Past Grand Lecturer Bro. Jackson is entitled to further remuneration for his services for the past year.

To which Bro. Happy moved the following amendment, which was accepted by the mover of the resolution: "And that the Lodges which received said services are morally bound to pay for the same."

Whereupon, the resolution as amended was adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

"The Committee on Finance and Accounts report that they have examined the accounts of the late Grand Secretary, and present the following statement furnished by him, and which they find correct:

"Levi Lusk, Secretary, &c, in account with

the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois. Dr.

"To amount in Grand Secretary's hands per last report.....	\$ 51 44
To amount received since last report, as follows:	
Grand Lodge dues	239 00
Grand charity fund.....	220 25
Dispensations.....	97 25
Charters.....	7 00
To amount overpaid by Temperance Lodge No. 16.....	4 00
	\$627 94
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"Oct. 20th, 1846, by cash paid Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 20 00
June 10th, 1847, by cash paid Grand Treasurer.....	10 00
Oct. 5th, 1847, by balance on hand per last report, paid Grand Treasurer..	51 44
Amount to balance.....	546 50

\$627 94

"FROM CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

	Charters.	Dispensa- tions.	Total.
Unity U. D.....	.....	\$15 00	\$15 00
Griggsville U. D.....	.....	15 00	15 00
Hardin, Mt. Sterling U. D.....	.....	15 00	15 00
Hardin, Nashville U. D.....	.....	15 00	15 00
Cambridge U. D.....	.....	15 00	15 00
Bloomington U. D.....	7 00	15 00	22 00
St. John's U. D.....	.....	7 25	7 25
	\$7 00	\$97 25	\$104 25

"LEVI LUSE, *Secretary, &c., in account with*

the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois.

Dr.

Lodges.	No. of m'mb'rs	Grand L. dues.	Grand Charity Fund.	Total.
1846.				
Friendship No. 7.....	18	\$5 00	\$4 50	\$13 50
Macon No. 8	22	5 50	5 50	11 00
Temperance No. 16.....	14	3 50	3 50	7 00
Macomb No. 17.....	8	5 00	2 00	7 00
Mt. Vernon No. 31.....	28	8 50	8 50	17 00
1847.				
Bodley No. 1.....	25	6 25	6 25	12 50
Harmony No. 3.....	40	10 00	10 00	20 00
Springfield No. 4.....	45	11 25	11 25	22 50
Macon No. 8	24	6 00	6 00	12 00
Rushville No. 9.....	36	9 00	9 00	18 00
St. John's No. 13.....	36	9 00	9 00	18 00
Warren No. 14.....	25	6 25	6 25	12 50
Peoria No. 15.....	42	10 50	10 50	21 00
Temperance No. 16.....	8	2 00	2 00	4 00
Lafayette No. 18	63	15 75	15 75	31 50
Clinton No. 19.....	18	4 50	4 50	9 00
Franklin No. 25.....	21	5 25	5 25	10 50
Hiram No. 26.....	20	5 00	5 00	10 00
Piasa No. 27.....	55	13 75	13 75	27 50
Monroe No. 28.....	22	5 50	5 50	11 00
Pekin No. 29.....	23	5 75	5 75	11 50
Morning Star No. 30.....	28	7 00	7 00	14 00
Mt. Vernon No. 31	28	7 00	7 00	14 00
Barry No. 34.....	28	7 00	7 00	14 00
Kavanaugh No. 36.....	18	4 00	4 00	8 00
Monmouth No. 37.....	27	6 75	6 75	13 50
Olive Branch No. 38	31	7 75	7 75	15 50
Herman No. 39.....	24	6 00	6 00	12 00
Occidental No. 40.....	32	8 00	8 00	16 00
Unity U. D.....	19	5 00	4 75	9 75
Temple U. D.....	13	5 00	3 25	8 25
Hardin U. D.....	14	5 00	3 50	8 50
Griggsville U. D	13	5 00	3 25	8 25
Caledonia U. D.....	18	5 00	4 50	9 50
Cambridge U. D.....	—	2 25	2 25	4 50
Bloomington U. D.....	—	5 00	4 50	9 50
		\$239 00	\$229 25	\$576 50
To receipts for charters and dispensations				104 25
To amount in Grand Secretary's hands per last report (see pro. '46, p. 25)				51 44
Total amount				\$627 94

Amount in Grand Secretary's hands October 6, 1847, \$546 50

"On motion, the report was accepted and the committee discharged."

Bro. Anderson offered the following resolution, which, on motion of Bro. Cabanis, was laid on the table :

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge deem it inexpedient to appropriate any of of its funds for the compensation of a Grand Lecturer, and that he is only required to render services to such Lodges as shall satisfy him for the same."

On motion of Bro. Cabanis, it was

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Past Grand Master Jonas, for his able, instructive, and eloquent address, delivered before the members of this Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge was then closed.

BODLEY LODGE NO. 1.

The following raisings for 1847 are reported: Michael McVay, Jan. 4; Richard Adair and Harvey Shaw, Oct. 7; Charles A. Warren, Dec. 21.

"Jan. 25, the reading of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was interrupted by the brethren from Hannibal, who appeared as a committee from the citizens of that city, asking for our influence with the Grand Lodge of Missouri, that it might, in the re-location of the Masonic College of Missouri, place it in such a situation as to secure the aid and countenance of the brethren of Illinois in its support."

The matter was referred to a "general meeting of the Masons of the city," to be held the next day, 10 o'clock A. M. There is nothing on the record to indicate that such a meeting was held.

July 12, the Lodge received an invitation from Harmony Lodge No. 3, to be present and assist in the funeral ceremonies over the remains of Colonel John J. Hardin.

Dec. 24, elections as follows: John Crockett, W. M.; Enoch Conyers, S. W.; Harrison Dills, J. W.; Q. S. Barton, Treas.; J. H. Luce, Sec. Dec. 27, the following appointments were made: F. G. Johnston, S. D.; H. L. Simmons, J. D.; T. Monroe, Tyler. The officers were installed by Bro. Lusk.

EQUALITY LODGE NO. 2.

This Lodge held no meetings during the year 1847.

HARMONY LODGE NO. 3.

The raisings reported by this Lodge during 1847 are as follows: Edward Lambert, Jan. 2; Stephen Sutton, March 11; Sam. Beard, March 18; Anderson Foreman, April 8; J. Leland Miller, May 4; Henry Dusenbury, May 6; Richard Yates, May 26; Jeremiah McKay, June 11; Thomas Hewitt, Jr., June 16; Benj. Pyatt, Aug. 13; Nathaniel English, Nov. 9.

May 1, The Lodge directed the Secretary to subscribe for the "Masonic Mirror," "Boston Freemason's Monthly Magazine," and the "Masonic Register."

April 2, the Lodge was called together, to take action upon the information received of the death of Colonel John J. Hardin, "who departed this life, on the field of battle, near Saltillo, in Mexico." Appropriate resolutions were passed.

June 20, Breth. Heslep, Swett, and A. Dunlap were added to a committee appointed at a previous meeting, to make arrangements for the reception of the body of Col. Hardin; and on the 8th of May, the committee was invested with discretionary powers, as to the necessary arrangements. July 10, Breth. Swett, W. S. Hurst, J. M. Lucas, Gregory, and Coffman, were appointed a committee to receive and provide for the entertainment of brethren attending the funeral of Col. Hardin. The regalia adopted by the Lodge for use on that occasion was "white aprons, trimmed with blue, and blue sashes.

The record of July 13, shows that Bro. "Thos. H. Campbell and others of Springfield Lodge No. 4, and others from various Lodges" were present as visitors. There being no business to transact, the Lodge was called off until 9 o'clock, July 14, to attend the funeral of Bro. Hardin.

Of the ceremonies of the day, no mention whatever is made, and as far as the testimony of the record is concerned, no such funeral was ever had. It is much to be regretted that an ample record of that day was not kept.

Sept. 21, the petition of sundry brethren for a new Lodge at Carrollton, was recommended.

Dec. 27, the following officers were elected: William B. Warren, W. M.; W. C. Swett, S. W.; W. W. Happy, J. W.; J. Heslep, Treas.; A. C. Dickson, Sec. James Hurst, S. D.; M. H. Cassell, J. D.; Jeremiah McKay, Tyler.

SPRINGFIELD LODGE NO. 4.

This Lodge raised the following brethren during 1847: James W. Keys, Phares A. Dorwin, and Albert Munsell, Jan. 22; Mason Brayman and Vincent Ridgely, Jan. 29; M. F. Wickersham and N. W. Larrimore, Feb. 15; A. Wood, June 7; William Wright, June 24; John G. Ives, July 1; T. G. C. Davis, July 6; Isaac Stout and S. R. Baker, Nov. 1.

Feb. 22 was celebrated by the Lodge, a procession being formed, which proceeded to the First Presbyterian Church, where an oration was delivered by Bro. James H. Matheny.

March 18, Bro. James Zwisler, who departed this life on Wednesday, March 17, was buried with Masonic honors.

March 29, the Lodge was called together to take action regarding the death of Bro. Edmund Jones, who had requested to be buried by the Lodge, but consent being withheld by the family of the deceased, the request was not complied with.

June 7, the Lodge being notified of the sickness of Bro. Barney, at Peoria, a committee was appointed to forward to him such pecuniary assistance as might be necessary. Aug. 23, Bro. Edmund Frazer, the Secretary, resigned, and on 28th Aug. J. N. Larrimore was elected to

fill the vacancy. Oct. 18, Bro. Lavelly informed the Lodge of his election as Grand Master, and resigned his office as Master, when Bro. William A. Dickey was elected for the unexpired term.

Dec. 27, the following officers were elected: William A. Dickey, W. M.; John Uhler, S. W.; James W. Keys, J. W.; William Lavelly, Treas.; Vincent Ridgely, Sec.; Mason Brayman, Chaplain; Balsar Iiki, Tyler.

COLUMBUS LODGE NO. 6.

This Lodge surrendered its charter at the communication of the Grand Lodge in 1847, since which time the No. 6 has remained vacant upon the register of the Grand Lodge.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 7.

Two brethren were raised by this Lodge in the year 1847, viz.: L. H. McKenny, Feb. 2; Abram Courtright, April 17.

No meetings were held by this Lodge between the 13th July, 1846, and Feb. 2, 1847. No meeting was held in May, and on the 24th June it was ordered that any brother living within one mile of the lodge-room who failed to attend the regular meetings of the Lodge, should be fined 25 cents, unless excused by the Lodge. The record of this meeting also shows that the following brethren, being previously elected, were installed in office in the usual form: J. B. Nash, W. M.; James Campbell, S. W.; Horace Preston, J. W.; D. B. McKenney, Treas.; R. B. Loveland, Sec.; C. T. Chase, S. D.; I. Means, J. D.; A. L. Bull, Tyler. No record of the election appears. No meetings were held from June 24 until Oct. 21.

MACON LODGE NO. 8.

Four raisings during 1847 were reported by this Lodge, viz.: N. P. West, March 27; William Marquiss, Oct. 23; Samuel Bender, Dec. 19; S. K. Herald, Dec. 27.

Aug. 26, the Lodge was opened by Carding Jackson, and the E. A. degree conferred by him upon S. K. Herald.

Sept. 27, the Tyler having been removed from office, Bro. Henry Hummel was elected for the unexpired term, which position he occupies at the present time.

The delegate to the Grand Lodge was directed to vote, for the place of holding the Grand Lodge, first for Decatur, second, Springfield, third, Peoria, fourth, Bloomington, and fifth, Charleston.

Nov. 22, an election, resulting as follows, was had: H. J. Armstrong, W. M.; J. R. Gorin, S. W.; J. Y. Braden, J. W.; Isaac C. Pugh, Treas.; N. P. West, Sec.; Henry Hummel, Steward and Tyler.

RUSHVILLE LODGE NO. 9.

The return of this Lodge to the Grand Lodge for 1847 is as follows :

“ Officers.—James L. Anderson, W. M.; Lewis Robertson, S. W.; Martin L. Reid, J. W.; James McCrosky, Treas.; John C. Bagby, Sec.; Samuel McCreary, S. D.; Barclay C. Gillam, J. D.; David Martin, Steward and Tyler.

“ Past Masters.—Levi Lusk, William A. Richardson, Columbus E. Cook, James L. Anderson, Hart Fellows, John Todhunter.

“ Master Masons.—Thos. J. Garrett, Josiah Parrott, Andrew Lacroix, Louis Horton, Adams Dunlap, Daniel B. Smith, W. A. B. McCuistion, Thomas P. Parrott, William Edgar, Peter C. Vance, William Davis, Rensselaer Wells, George B. Rogers, William Cliff, John B. Seely, Jacob O. Jones, James B. Wright, James H. Chick, Abraham Tolles, Benjamin F. Wyne, Marshall Smith, Richard Stevenson, John Blackford.

“ Fellow Crafts.—Joseph Montgomery, B. S. C. Town, Isaac Greer, William H. Crawford.

“ Entered Apprentices.—Tidence W. Lane, Irwin Lamaster, William Easley, John Jamieson, Samuel Bard.

“ Initiated.—Thomas P. Parrott, Jacob O. Jones, John Jamieson, Rev. Samuel Bard, Rev. W. A. B. McCuistion.

“ Passed.—Thomas P. Parrott, Jacob O. Jones, Richard Stevenson, B. S. C. Town, Rev. W. A. B. McCuistion.

“ Raised.—Richard Stevenson, Thomas P. Parrott, Jacob O. Jones, Rev. W. A. B. McCuistion.

“ Demitted.—Andrew Lacroix, William Claughbaugh, John S. Bailey.”

ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 13.

Raisings as follows during the year 1847 :

H. W. Baker, Feb. 11 ; — Mott, Feb. 25 ; James Mullen, March 11 ; William Chumansero, April 29 ; David Perry, May 27 ; E. Davis, June 12 ; Isaac D. Harmon, June 14 ; Frederick S. Day, July 12 ; Isaac B. Boyle, Oct. 7 ; H. S. Beebe, Nov. 4 ; W. H. Davis, Eugene M. Cheney, Dec. 9. Feb. 11, Carding Jackson presided and conferred the third degree upon H. W. Baker. He was again present on the 17th March, and conferred the first and second degrees upon David Perry and William Chumansero.

June 10, the Lodge proceeded to an election of officers for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. T. J. Wade was elected W. M., and George W. Gilson, S. W., when the election of the remaining officers was postponed one week. June 17, the election was resumed, when Breth. William Chumansero was elected J. W.; William Paul, Treas.; Warren Brown, Sec.

WARREN LODGE NO. 14.

This Lodge conferred the Master's degree upon seven brethren during the year 1847, viz.: Adam Baker, Jan. 16; Thos. S. Wiles, Feb. 6; Peter Baker, April 26; W. A. Redman, May 14; Geo. C. Yost, May 15; J. J. Hayden, Oct. 30; Milton Bartley, Nov. 27.

Feb. 6, the Lodge passed the following:

"Resolved, That all Masons in good standing who have acted as faithful Lodge members for 15 years or more, shall be permitted to remain such without being subject to dues."

Sept. 25, the delegate to the Grand Lodge was directed to vote for Jacksonville as the place of holding the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, and was further instructed to vote that the Grand Lodge pay the mileage of delegates.

The following officers were elected Dec. 27: J. E. Reardon, W. M.; E. J. Nicholson, S. W. and Steward; J. J. Hayden, J. W.; R. H. Marron, Treas.; W. A. Redman, Sec.; A. R. Stout, S. D. and Steward; Peter Baker, J. D.; M. Bartley, Tyler.

PEORIA LODGE NO. 15.

Breth. Thomas Wren, March 29; Frederick Lang and John C. Wagner, April 29; John Stahle, May 6; F. W. A. Shultz, May 29; John T. Spellman, July 1; Charles Kittelle, Oct. 23; were raised by No. 15 during the year 1847.

Jan. 13, a petition, signed by John Foster, Elijah De Pew, Andrew Johnston, Moses Baldwin, H. J. Short, Joseph Mitchell, Eli N. Powell, William Tapley, and Owen Cherry, residents of Bloomington, for a new Lodge at that place, was recommended.

March 27, Breth. William Mitchell, Peter Sweat, and Wm. E. Mason, were elected trustees of the Lodge under an act of incorporation granted by the Legislature. April 29, Bro. T. J. Pickett was appointed S. D. in place of Bro. Gill, who had removed from the town. May 29, Bro. Barney was reported as lying quite sick at the Planter's House, whereupon the Lodge made an appropriation to provide for all that might be found necessary. May 29, Bro. J. D. Caton, of No. 40, presided over the Lodge, and raised Bro. Schultz—Burton C. Cook, of same Lodge, acting as S. D.

June 21, the Lodge resolved to attend the celebration of St. John's Day, at Pekin, and the committee appointed reported the engagement of the steamer Simon Kenton. Preceding the record of June 24, we find the following, in the hand-writing of Bro. Samuel H. Davis:

"NOTES.

"M. W. John Barney, P. G. Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, died at the Planters' House, on the 22d inst., and was buried with the usual formalities, in the cemetery of this Lodge."

His remains are still there.

"The celebration of the 24th at Pekin was numerously attended, and passed off in the happiest manner. The concourse of people is said to have been greater than was ever before assembled in that place."

Dec. 27, the following officers were elected: Thomas J. Pickett, W. M., by a vote of 17 to 2; John E. Carter, S. W., by a vote of 13 to 9; Charles R. Hall, J. W., by a vote of 21 to 1; Wm. E. Mason, Treas., unanimously; Charles Kettelle, Sec., by a vote of 21 to 1; N. P. Heath, Chaplain, 21 to 1; William Widenham, Tyler, 21 to 1; Thomas Wren and William Dunn were appointed Deacons.

TEMPERANCE LODGE NO. 16.

This Lodge did no work during 1847.

Nov. 21, Bro. Moses Phillips, Tyler, was buried by the Lodge. Bro. Phillips was one of the members of Temperance Lodge under dispensation, and his name appears on the record of January 10, 1839, the first meeting of the present Lodge, as "Junior Deacon and Tyler *p. t.*" He served the Lodge as Tyler from that time, with the exception of a term of six months, until the day of his death.

MACOMB LODGE NO. 17.

It will be remembered that on the 3d October, 1846, this Lodge surrendered its charter. The Grand Lodge, at its session in 1847, gave the Lodge permission to rescind the resolution, which was done on the 20th November, 1847.

Dec. 19, the remains of Bro. Nelson Montgomery were buried with Masonic honors.

Dec. 27, the following officers were elected: J. E. Wyne, W. M.; W. T. Head, S. W.; William Ervin, Treas.; J. M. Campbell, Sec.; R. Naylor, Tyler. No Junior Warden (according to the record) was elected.

LAFAYETTE LODGE NO. 18.

"*Officers.*—M. Taylor, W. M.; Charles G. Wicker, S. W.; J. C. Miller, J. W.; H. W. Bigelow, Treas.; A. Kohn, Sec.; Thomas Brooks, S. D.; Philip Newburgh, J. D.; J. L. Thompson, Tyler.

"*Past Masters.*—Henry Brown, Carding Jackson, R. J. Hamilton.

"*Master Masons.*—Henry Brown, Carding Jackson, R. J. Hamilton, William Harmon, I. N. Arnold, John Davis, Scott Benedik, V. H. Eachus, James Averill, D. S. Cady, Leonard Falsh, Heman Hatch, Solomon Kel-

logg, J. Y. Sanger, W. H. Wells, G. B. Fearing, B. Neichman, A. Garret, John Pfund, F. Burckey, Francis Edwards, James Campbell, W. B. Snowhook, A. Getzler, I. P. Hatfield, B. Horton, H. L. Stewart, Geo. Chacksfield, John B. Weir, Joseph Goodrich, J. J. Jackson, Jacob Rosenbaum, J. L. Howe, J. H. Sullivan, W. Jackson, Frederick Weis, William Locke, S. J. Surdam, S. J. Lowe, Jacob Rosenberg, James McGuire, F. A. Howe, N. Christy, J. M. Lowe, Theodore Hubbard, Martin Dodge, Sam'l McKay, N. F. Butler, F. W. Potter, J. A. W. Donihoo, L. C. Kercheval, James McCord, J. J. Huntley, Levi Rosenfeld, J. D. Jennings.

"Fellow Crafts.—J. W. Kaft, C. P. Albee, Charles V. Dodge.

"Entered Apprentices.—Benjamin Johnson, Jacob Gauch, Jr.

"Raised.—Joseph Goodrich, Theodore Hubbard, John B. Weir, Solomon Kellogg, W. F. Torrence, Fred. Burckey.

"Admitted.—V. W. Potter, from Peoria Lodge No. 15; James McCord, from Glasgow, Scotland.

"Demitted.—E. Castle, W. F. Torrence.

CLINTON LODGE NO. 19.

The return of No. 19 to the Grand Lodge for 1847, is as follows: "Sam'l Smith, W. M.; M. S. Morris, S. W.; James Short, J. W.; Chas. G. Brooks, Treas.; A. D. Wright, Sec.; William Ferris, S. D.; Aaron B. White, J. D.; Henry Shepherd, Tyler.

"Past Masters.—John Bennett, David McMurphy, Thos. L. Harris.

"Master Masons.—Jacob West, John B. Broadwell, Nathan West, Chas. B. Waldo, A. A. Rankin, John Allen, Robert C. Scott, Dudley Gresham, H. D. Dorand, Alex. F. Raney.

"Raised.—H. D. Dorand, Alex. F. Raney.

HANCOCK LODGE NO. 20.

This Lodge made no return in 1847.

WARSAW LODGE NO. 21.

This Lodge held but one meeting in 1847, at which meeting it was resolved to surrender the charter of the Lodge. The action taken at the time, is presented in the address of Grand Master Morse to the Grand Lodge at the session of 1847, to which the reader is referred.

CASS LODGE NO. 23.

This Lodge made no return to the Grand Lodge for 1847.

ST. CLAIR LODGE NO. 24.

No meetings were held by this Lodge from January 26 to July 28, and no meetings from the latter date to the 21st December. No work was done during the year.

FRANKLIN LODGE NO. 25.

The return of this Lodge to the Grand Lodge for 1847, is as follows: .

“ Officers.—Rev. Charles Howard, W. M.; Harvey S. Summers, S. W.; Daniel M. Kittinger, J. W.; George Lebold, Treas.; John A. Maxey, Sec.; Henry Stoeckle, S. D.; George Willis, J. D.; William Kersey, Tyler.

“ Past Master.—Rev. Charles Howard.

“ Master Masons.—Elias Hibbard, Eliakim Thorp, William Lowe, Jr., John Bostwick, Luther W. Lyon, George R. Stocker, James L. Burns, John B. Smith, Andrew M. Englis, Thomas S. Buck, Daniel F. Wendall, Jacob Rader, Elihu Pembroke.

“ Entered Apprentices.—James M. Finley, William Hall.

“ Initiated.—John B. Smith, George R. Stocker, James L. Burns, Andrew M. Englis, Thomas S. Buck, James M. Finley, William Hall.

“ Passed.—Thomas S. Buck, Andrew M. Englis, John B. Smith, George R. Stocker, James L. Burns.

“ Raised.—James B. Smith, Andrew M. Englis, George R. Stocker, James L. Burns.

“ Demitted.—William H. Blanford.

“ Died.—Peter Merrill.”

HIRAM LODGE NO. 26.

Jan. 15, the following election took place: N. D. Morse, W. M.; Wm. McMurtry, S. W.; Samuel G. Dean, J. W.; J. J. Jackson, Treas.; Caleb Finch, Sec.; J. J. Hedstrom, Chaplain; Thos. Champion, Tyler. No work was done during the year.

PIASA LODGE NO. 27.

The raisings during 1847, by this Lodge, were as follows; David W. Aldrich, Jan. 5; Edward J. Harper, Jan. 9; Peter Deleplaine, Feb. 10; Samuel Cohen, Feb. 23; George O. Atherton, May 1; James W. Smith, May 21; J. R. Hugunin, June 2; E. Lamaster, June 22; H. S. Fitch, July 17; James Collins, Aug. 3; John Bonney, Aug. 4; Willis G. Edwards, Aug. 5; Willis B. Holden, M. Jenkins, and J. M. Moore, Aug. 8; T. G. Coffey and Calme L. White, Aug. 9; John H. Hart, Aug. 13; Andrew Runze, Sept. 6; Lewis B. Parsons, Sept. 17; T. L. Loomis, Oct. 17; J. L. Blair and Benj. Z. Riley, Nov. 1; B. F. Sargeant, Nov. 18; S. C. Jett, Nov. 20.

March 27, the Lodge having received the news of the battle fought in Mexico, near Saltillo (Buena Vista), and that many worthy brethren had fallen therein, closed the Lodge without transacting business.

April 2, the Lodge having received the news of the death of Colonel John J. Hardin and Edward F. Fletcher—Col. Hardin of the First Regi

ment, and Bro. Fletcher, Lieutenant of the "Alton Volunteer Guards," of the Second Regiment—both of whom "bravely fell at the head of their gallant commands in the glorious but sanguinary battle of Buena Vista, on the 23d of February, A. D. 1847, passed resolutions appropriate to the occasion. Resolutions of sympathy in the sufferings of Capt. Baker and Lieut. Prickett, who were wounded in that action, were also passed.

Dec. 21, the following officers were elected: Geo. T. Brown, W. M.; E. J. Harper, S. W.; P. Deleplaine, J. W.; B. F. Sargeant, Sec.; S. R. Dolbee, Treas.; B. A. Carpenter, Tyler.

MONROE LODGE NO. 28.

The following named brethren were raised during 1847: E. Axley, Feb. 27; John M. Wooters, March 6.

Feb. 27, John Barney presided over the Lodge, and conferred the second degree upon J. M. Wooters; the third upon E. Axley.

May 29, officers as follows were elected: John Colman, W. M.; Elam Rust, S. W.; Bradley Rust, J. W.; John A. Reed, Treas.; Daniel Converse, Sec.; James Axley, S. D.; Wm. Cowell, J. D.; Charles H. Prusker, Tyler.

Sept. 18, the Secretary was instructed to prepare the returns to the Grand Lodge, and to request the Grand Secretary to act as the representative of the Lodge, and as such, to vote for the location of the Grand Lodge as far south as Alton, "or for the institution of a chapter at that place [Alton], for the benefit of the Fraternity in the southern part of the State."

Dec. 17, the Lodge was informed of the death of Bro. Thomas James, when the customary resolutions were passed. At this meeting Bro. Colman, W. M., resigned his office, "whereupon Bro. E. P. Rogers was unanimously elected Master of this Lodge."

PEKIN LODGE NO. 29.

This Lodge made return as follows for 1847:

Officers.—Webb C. Quigley, W. M.; Middleton Tackaberry, S. W.; Abraham Woolston, J. W.; Abraham Woolston, Chaplain; David Bailey, Treas.; Theodore A. Walker, Sec.; Benjamin S. Prettyman, S. D.; Rich'd H. Snell, J. D.; David Corwin, Tyler.

Past Master.—William H. Holmes.

Master Masons.—Joseph S. Maus, Peleg Hebbard, Daniel Taney, William Wilkey, Wm. B. Doolittle, Turner R. King, Samuel S. Porter, John G. Lenhart, Samuel P. Bailey, Peter A. Brower, Samuel Mayers, Irwin B. Doolittle, Lorenzo D. Hamilton, Drury B. Perkins.

Fellow Crafts.—John Fillikin, Joel E. Jones.

Entered Apprentices.—Solomon Kahn, Anson G. Henry, Austin E. Burns, John H. Morrison, Rev. W. West.

"Raised.—Bernard Bailey, Drury B. Perkins, Martin H. Kendig.

"Demitted.—John R. Crandall, Matthias J. App, Martin H. Kendig, Henry Tew, Walden Porter, John Mayers, Bernard Bailey.

"Suspended.—William Shannon, for non-payment of dues.

"Re-instated.—John Mayers.

MORNING STAR LODGE NO. 30.

The return of No. 30 to the Grand Lodge for 1847, is as follows:

"Officers.—Adam Brewer, W. M.; Franklin Foster, S. W.; Isaac N. Aldrich, J. W.; Nathaniel B. Childs, Treas.; Thomas J. Little, Sec.; D. M. Smith, S. D.; Hugh Martin, J. D.; Jonas Raywalt, Steward; William B. Smilie, Tyler.

"Past Masters.—Isaiah Stillman, David M. Smith.

"Master Masons.—James H. Stipp, T. Maple, P. L. Snyder, John Snyder, W. D. Johnson, E. W. Resor, John G. Graham, W. C. Worley, John Williamson, Samuel Christy, Harvey Smith, G. H. Hickman, Thomas Cheney, James Kuykendal, Daniel H. Dewey, Henry Clark, C. W. Rockhold, John J. Lunn.

"Fellow Crafts.—John F. Smith, J. M. Wilson, A. W. Innman.

"Entered Apprentices.—S. H. Pitkin, M. B. Mason, H. B. Evans, B. F. Ruble.

"Raised.—W. C. Worley, J. N. Aldrich, L. Whorley, W. B. Smilie, John J. Lynn, W. D. Johnson, Hugh Martin, Jonas Raywalt.

"Demitted.—D. W. Barnes, James Brace, Jason M. Bass, David Sugle, A. R. Sparks, J. Budd, John Thatcher, W. Tyler.

MT. VERNON LODGE NO. 31.

The raisings by No. 31 during 1847, are as follows: John L. McBride, Jan. 23, Gabriel S. Jones, June 28; Hiram R. Casey, Aug. 4.

Jan. 4, the Lodge resolved to attend "the funeral rites of our late and much esteemed brother, James W. Hare," on the third Sabbath "in March next." Rev. John Van Cleve was requested to deliver a sermon on that occasion. The record does not show that the Lodge complied with its resolution of January 4.

June 24, an election was had, resulting as follows: Downing Baugh, W. M.; William H. Short, S. W.; Geo. Mills, J. W.; Daniel Kinney, Treas.; Joel F. Watson, Sec.; James De Coursey, Tyler.

July 5, Breth. W. W. Bennett, R. F. Wingate, John L. McBride, F. H. Edwards, T. S. Roe, G. S. Jones, and A. D. Hay were demitted, in order to form a new Lodge at Nashville, their petition for the same being recommended by the Lodge. Aug. 2, Bro. Bennett charged a certain member of the Lodge with having been expelled by the Lodge from which he hailed, in Tennessee, and, on the 16th of August, having confessed the truth of the charge, he was again expelled.

Nov. 19, the Lodge buried Bro. John Ewing, they going to Benton for the purpose.

APOLLO LODGE NO. 32.

This Lodge made no returns to the Grand Lodge for 1847. There are no papers relating to the Lodge in the office of the Grand Secretary, nor can the records be found. This Lodge was consolidated with Oriental No. 33, sometime during the year 1847, the exact date of which is not known. The No. 32 has been vacant on the register of the Grand Lodge since 1847.

ORIENTAL LODGE NO. 33.

Raisings during 1847, as follows: G. W. Mower, Jan. 2; Douglas Boyd, March 22; P. Ballingall, March 26.

Jan. 25, Bro. W. S. Brown requested a demit, as he had become the Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Michigan. April 26, a committee consisting of Breth. Blaney, Geo. Davis, and Schlatter, was appointed to confer with a like committee from Apollo Lodge, for the purpose of consolidating the two Lodges, and on May 26 this committee reported favorably as to the project. June 28, petitions for affiliation from twenty members of Apollo Lodge, were received and referred. At this meeting, Bro. Isaac P. Hatfield was, by resolution, declared "expelled," he having been (according to the record) expelled by Apollo Encampment. It will be remembered that the Grand Lodge decided that in this case the rule did *not* work both ways. It might work upwards, but it can not work downwards. The body above, so to speak, is aware of the body below, but the body below has no official knowledge of the one above.

July 26, the record would have us to understand that the committee on the consolidation of Apollo and Oriental Lodges made a "final report as follows:" but in this instance proof is wanting that such a report is made, as the remainder of the page is a perfect blank. We are of the opinion that the present Secretary of No. 33 can not be caught up in any such way.

Dec. 17, the Lodge received a communication from "Apollo Encampment," to the effect that I. P. Hatfield *was not* expelled from that body, whereupon the resolution expelling Bro. H. from the Lodge was ordered expunged. The Lodge then went into a committee of the whole, for the election of officers, Carding Jackson presiding. The election resulted as follows: Geo. Davis, W. M.; W. H. Davis, S. W.; J. A. Reichart, J. W.; J. V. Z. Blaney, Treas.; L. P. Hilliard, Sec.; R. V. M. Croes, S. D.; "Rev. Bro. Mitchell," Chaplain; J. H. Pahlman, John Daly, and S. W. Sherman, Stewards; J. L. Thompson, Tyler.

BARRY LODGE NO. 34.

This Lodge made the following return to the Grand Lodge for 1847 :

“ Officers.—George Wike, W. M.; John P. Grubb, S. W.; Lewis Angle, J. W.; Wesley I. Alkire, Treas.; John Watson, Sec.; David I. Wike, S. D.; Bridge Whetten, J. D.; J. N. Love, Tyler.

“ Past Masters.—Michael Gard, George Wike.

“ Master Masons.—Joseph Jackson, Elijah Hurt, Eli Longnecker, Josiah Lippincott, Josiah Alkire, Wilburn Fugate, Arthur F. Bill, William A. Gordon, David Shield, Alfred Grubb, R. W. Scanland, J. B. Donaldson, J. F. Hide, A. T. Petit, Charles Jackson, Jacob Myers, Jr., Thomas Plumb, Andrew Longnecker, William Lippincott.

“ Raised.—Arthur F. Bill, Lewis Angle, David Shield, Thomas Plumb, William Lippincott, Andrew Longnecker, Alfred Grubb, William A. Gordon.

“ Admitted.—Charles Jackson, Jacob Myers, Jr.

CHARLESTON LODGE NO. 35.

The brethren raised to the third degree during 1847 by this Lodge, are as follows: Green Epperson, Feb. 23; J. W. Ross, March 30; Samuel W. Moulton, April 3; Joseph Miller, Jr., Aug. 23; John Kennedy, Sept. 3; Joshua Moore, Nov. 16; N. Parker, Nov. 17. May 1, The Lodge buried the remains of Bro. George McDaniel.

June 24, Bro. William B. Mills, was elected W. M.; Arthur G. Mitchell, S. W.; Newton W. Chapman, J. W.; Byrd Monroe, Treas.; Samuel W. Moulton, Sec.; William Horr, Chaplain; Augustus H. Chapman, S. D.; William Horr, J. D.; Alex. P. Dunbar, Master of Ceremonies; James Watson, Tyler.

Sept. 3, Bro. Carding Jackson was present and remained with the Lodge one week. Nov. 16, the Lodge recommended the petition of sundry brethren for a new Lodge at Shelbyville. St. John's Day (Dec. 27), was duly celebrated, Bro. Wm. D. Gage delivering an oration.

KAVANAGH LODGE NO. 36.

Four brethren received the Master's degree in this Lodge during 1847, viz.: John B. Green, April 7; W. T. Millar, Aug. 5; J. Ritchie, Oct. 26; — Baldwin, Nov. 18.

Jan. 21, Bro. Carding Jackson present, and conferred the first degree upon J. B. Green.

April 1, Bro. James Craig was interred with the usual formalities. St. John's Day (June 24), was duly celebrated.

Sept. 15, Bro. A. S. Mitchell was elected W. M.; Wm. C. Smith, S. W.; C. F. Wortz, J. W.; J. S. Horr, Treas.; Robert Barker, Sec.; John Cadman, S. D.; G. W. Hipperly, J. D.; Jas. B. Goble, Tyler.

Oct. 26, the Lodge was informed of the death of Bro. and Lieut. John Bonney, of "yellow fever, on the 21st Sept., in Camp at San Juan, Mexico."

MONMOUTH LODGE NO. 37.

The dispensation for this Lodge was granted by Alexander Dunlap, Grand Master, upon the petition of J. W. F. Edmondson, Ben. Hebard, John Miles, Wm. Justice, Daniel Markham, Daniel McNeil, and Samuel Webster, on the 8th day of December, 1843. Dec. 20th, Bro. Dunlap issued his proxy to Bro. Lusk, to "constitute in form the brethren aforesaid, to be known and distinguished by the name of Monmouth Lodge U. D." Dec. 28th, Bro. Lusk opened the Lodge, Bro. Chandler, of Macomb Lodge, assisting as S. W., when the following officers were installed: J. W. F. Edmondson, W. M.; Ben. Hebard, S. W.; John Miles, J. W.; Samuel Webster, Treas.; Daniel McNeil, S. D.; Daniel Markham, Tyler. The Secretary and Junior Deacon were not appointed, for the reason, as we suppose, that there was not at the time sufficient membership residing in Monmouth to fill the offices. The Lodge having adopted a code of by-laws, proceeded to initiate Breth. John H. Mitchell, George C. Lanphere, and B. Quincy McNeil. Of the brethren who composed this Lodge while under dispensation, we have knowledge of but two—Edmondson and Hebard. Bro. E. came from Temperance Lodge, at Vandalia. The record informs us that Daniel McNeil hailed originally from Sincerity No. 300, N. Y., and, immediately before assisting in the formation of No. 37, from Warren No. —, Indiana.

Two brethren were raised during 1843, viz.: John H. Mitchell and George C. Lanphere. There is no record of the doings of the Lodge for the years 1844 and '45, but there appears a complete register of the work done by the Lodge. From it we learn that Breth. Quincy McNeil (March 4), David S. Cowan and John Lee (May 13), were raised in 1844.

Breth. John A. Young (May 3), Henry A. McCartney (May 26), Samuel Boyles and James H. Stewart (June 9), and John A. Smith (July 7), were raised during 1845. Bro. Elijah C. Berry, formerly of Vandalia Lodge No. 8, was affiliated May 3, 1845.

But one meeting was held in the year 1846, that appears of record—Dec. 1st—at which time the charter granted by the Grand Lodge was received. The register indicates that meetings were held June 7, Nov. 10, and Dec. 29. No work was done during the year. During 1847, meetings were held (according to the register) in the months of January, February, March, and April, but no meeting between the dates Dec. 1, 1846, and June 22, 1847, appears of record.

Breth. David Smith (March 2), Ezekiel Kent, Jr., and George W. Palmer (March 3), Thomas W. Payne, (March 4), Daniel T. Denman (June 8), Richard D. Hammond and James Townsley (Aug. 3), Wyatt B. Stapp (Aug. 4), John Leeper (Dec. 7), Benoni Merrifield (Dec. 14), received the third degree during 1847.

June 22, 1847, the by-laws were revised. Bro. Morse, Grand Master, was present at this meeting, but did not preside; Bro. Geo. C. Lanphere, W. M., in the East. No meeting was again held until Oct. 19, at which no business of importance was transacted.

OLIVE BRANCH NO. 38.

This Lodge raised the following brethren during the year: William McCormack, Jan. 19; Stanley Olmsted, March 23; Elias S. Cooper, April 27; James Parmer, June 29; John H. Sconce, and John W. Mires, Aug. 28; Elmore Wooden, Aug. 31.

HERMAN LODGE NO. 39.

This Lodge (according to the return before us) raised three brethren during 1847, viz: Daniel M. Jordan, April 7; Robert Voeth, June 2; Henry Root, July 29.

OCCIDENTAL LODGE NO. 40.

The third degree was conferred by this Lodge, during 1847, upon Breth. M. E. Hollister, April 6; John Dillon and — Hyde, Nov. 5.

June 18, the following officers were elected: G. L. Thompson, W. M.; David Walker, S. W.; B. C. Cook, J. W.; L. Leland, Treas. The election was then for some cause suspended, and on the 24th June, it was resumed, when M. E. Hollister was elected Secretary; H. W. Hopkins and James Lafferty, Deacons. Aug. 20, it was resolved that every brother absent from the Lodge at regular meetings, unless excused, should pay "six and one-fourth cents;" if an officer, "12½ cents."

FAR WEST LODGE NO. 41.

This Lodge made no return to the Grand Lodge for 1847.

MT. JOLIET LODGE NO. 42.

This Lodge made no return to the Grand Lodge for 1847.

BLOOMINGTON LODGE NO. 43.

The dispensation for this Lodge was granted to Breth. John Foster, Elijah Depew, Andrew Johnston, Owen Cheney, Hadley J. Short, William Safely, Moses Baldwin, Eli N. Powell, Hazo Parsons, and Joseph Mitchell, by Grand Master Morse, January 22, 1847, upon the recommendation

of Peoria Lodge No. 15. The first meeting was held March 1st, 1847, the above named brethren being present; the first three being W. Master, Senior and Junior Wardens. Bro. Hadley J. Short was appointed Treasurer; Joseph Mitchell, Secretary; Owen Cheney and Hazo Parsons, Deacons; Eli N. Powell, Tyler.

Of the former Masonic home of these brethren, excepting Bro. Powell, we have no means of ascertaining. Bro. Powell was made in Pekin Lodge No. 29. No business was transacted at the first meeting beyond the appointment of a committee to prepare by-laws. At the second meeting, the by-laws were adopted, no other business being transacted.

April 27, the petition of William C. Hobbs was presented and referred. May 26, Bro. Hobbs was initiated, June 23 he was passed, and was raised July 10. Bro. Simon B. Brown was also raised at the last-mentioned meeting. Aug. 26, Lewis Bunn, and on Sept. 22, Geo. C. Holmes, were raised. Nov. 24, the charter was received, when Bro. Allin Withers, the proxy of the Grand Master, assisted by Bro. Hobbs, Grand Marshal, installed the following officers and constituted the Lodge: John Foster, W. M.; Elijah Depew, S. W.; Andrew Johnston, J. W.; John Mayers, Treas.; S. B. Brown, Sec.; Wm. C. Hobbs, S. D.; Hazo Parsons, J. D.; Eli N. Powell, Tyler.

The following named brethren received the Master's degree from the date of the last-mentioned meeting: Reece Babb and Thomas J. Drain, Nov. 27.

HARDIN LODGE NO. 44.

There were two Lodges bearing the name of Hardin, both under dispensation, and both instituted in 1847. The first was at Mt. Sterling, the second at Nashville. The Lodge at Mt. Sterling retained the name, the Lodge at Nashville taking the name of Washington.

The Master's degree was conferred by No. 44 upon Breth. Robert N. Curry, Sept. 17; A. T. F. Prevost, Sept. 22; Jonathan Hutchinson, Sept. 23; Angus McPhail and James S. Irwin, Sept. 25, 1847.

The officers under dispensation were, George Adams, W. M.; John Bigler, S. W.; Thomas S. Star, J. W.; John S. Bailey, Sec.; John Brown, Treas.; John Currie, S. D.; James Wash, J. D.; Robert Trabue, Tyler.

GRIGGSVILLE LODGE NO. 45.

The following brethren were raised by this Lodge during 1847: Wm. B. Scholl, J. D. Battles, and C. Regan, Sept. 23; E. Cary, Sept. 30. The officers of this Lodge under dispensation were, Nathan Phillips, W. M.; Joshua Ward, S. W.; A. Hill, J. W.; Timothy Fessenden, Treas.; Aaron Tyler, Sec.; Daniel Fisher and C. L. Higby, Deacons: Wm. Gray, Tyler.

TEMPLE LODGE NO. 46.

The first meeting of this Lodge, the dispensation for which was granted by the Grand Lodge at its session of 1846, was held Oct. 26, 1846. The brethren present were, Geo. T. Metcalfe, W. M.; John C. Heyl, S. W.; C. B. Stebbins, J. W.; Elwood Andrew, Sec. *p. t.*; Alden Wilkey, Treas. *p. t.*; Rodolphus Rouse. The dispensation (which is recorded in full), was read, accepted, and the Lodge opened on the third degree. Bro. Andrew was elected Sec.; John King, Treas.; S. D. W. Drown, Tyler. After appointing a committee to prepare by-laws, the Lodge closed. The Lodge did no work during the year.

CALEDONIA LODGE NO. 47.

The dispensation for this Lodge was granted by Grand Master Morse, in the year 1847.

The raisings reported are as follows: John Mize and Henry D. Riddle, June 24; Joel B. Mabry, John F. Poe, Joseph Street, and Daniel Astee, July 22; James M. Davidge, Wm. J. Spencer, Melbone Steers, J. G. Steers, Aug. 26; Allen Crowell, Sept. 23. The officers for 1847 were, George Hawpe, W. M.; James S. Smith, S. W.; George W. Howell, J. W.; Joseph Street, Treas.; James M. Davidge, Sec.; Joel B. Mabry, S. D.; John F. Poe, J. D.

UNITY LODGE NO. 48.

The dispensation for this Lodge (St. Charles), was granted by Grand Master Walker the day previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in 1846, for twelve months, which the Grand Lodge decided he had no power to do, and continued the Lodge under dispensation until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge. We are unable to state what work was done by the Lodge during 1847.

CAMBRIDGE LODGE NO. 49.

The dispensation for this Lodge was granted by Grand Master Morse, in 1847.

The Lodge was authorized to meet at two different points—Cambridge, in Henry county, and Rock Island.

The first return shows the officers to have been Stephen Cady, W. M.; William K. Talbot, S. W.; Roderick R. Stewart, J. W.; John Gilmore, Treas.; Robert D. Foster, Sec.; Benjamin F. Barrett, S. D.; Harman G. Reynolds, J. D.; B. Q. McNeil, Tyler. The first three of these were Past Masters. The only work done by the Lodge under dispensation was the initiating and passing of Michael Grant.

CARROLLTON LODGE NO. 50.

The dispensation for this Lodge (originally Fletcher Lodge), was granted by the Grand Lodge at its session in 1847, and chartered in 1848, as Carrollton. The names upon the petition are, Henry Dusenbury, E. D'Arcey (S. W.), Isaac Darneille, R. S. Hollenbeck, E. Van Horn, J. B. Samuel (W. M.), David M. Woodson (J. W.), and D. B. Stith.

Mt. Moriah and Marion Lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, had forfeited their charters, and were not in being during this year. The Grand Lodge, at its session in 1847, authorized the issuing of a dispensation to George C. Lanphere and others, for a "traveling Lodge," to be connected with "Co. B," Illinois Dragoons, then in Mexico, or about to start for that country, but we are unable to state whether or not it was ever issued, but our impression is that it was not. It was, we believe, reserved for a later Grand Lodge to try the doubtful experiment of granting dispensations for army Lodges, and the experiment resulted in the belief that the matter had been better left untouched.

CHAPTER XXII.

1848.

GRAND LODGE.

The ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was held in the city of Alton, commencing Monday, October 2, 1848. There were present at the opening :

“William Lavelly, Grand Master; John R. Crandall, Dep. Gr. Master; Joseph C. Ketcham, G. S. W.; William W. Happy, G. J. W., *p. t.*; William McMurtry, Gr. Treas.; William Mitchell, Gr. Sec.; Rev. S. Y. McMasters, Gr. Chap., *p. t.*; E. R. Roe, Gr. Orator; Wm. A. Dickey, Gr. Lecturer; William C. Hobbs, G. S. D.; J. B. Kyle, G. J. D., *p. t.*; Peter Sweat, Gr. Marshal; John H. Holton, Gr. Sw. Bearer; W. W. Bennett, Gr. Pursuivant, *p. t.*; Timothy Souther and E. J. Harper, Gr. Stewards; Daniel M. Kittinger, Gr. Tyler.

“Levi Lusk and Nelson D. Morse, Past Gr. Masters. A. C. Dickson (3), S. H. Davis (15), Wm. B. Warren (3, P. G. Sec.), Charles Howard (25, P. G. Chap.), Past Masters.

“REPRESENTATIVES.

“No. 1, J. H. Ralston,* W. M.; O. C. Skinner,* S. W.; H. Dills, J. W. No. 2, Wm. Siddall, W. M. No. 3, W. B. Warren, W. M.; N. English,* S. W.; W. W. Happy, J. W. No. 4, W. A. Dickey, W. M.; Z. P. Cabanis,* S. W. No. 8, H. J. Armstrong, W. M. No. 9, J. L. Anderson,* W. M.; Levi Lusk,* S. W. No. 13, Warren Brown,* —. No. 14, E. R. Roe,* W. M.; W. A. Redman,* S. W. No. 15, Thos. J. Pickett, W. M.; John E. Carter, S. W. No. 17, J. B. Kyle, S. W. No. 19, John Bennett, W. M. No. 23, Thos. Eyre,* —. No. 24, C. Coghlan, W. M. No. 25, John Higham, W. M.; D. M. Kittenger, S. W.; E. Hibbard,* J. W. No. 26, N. D. Morse, W. M.; William McMurtry, S. W. No. 27, T. Souther, W. M. No. 28, X. F. Trail,* —. No. 29, B. S. Prettyman, W. M. No. 30, Chas. W. Rockhold, W. M. No. 31, W. W. Bennett, W. M.; A. Johnston,* S. W.; S. G. Hicks,* J. W. No. 33, Geo. Davis, W. M. No. 34, A. F. Bill, J. W. No. 35, Arthur G. Mitchell, W. M. No. 37, R. D. Hammond, W. M. No. 38, William E. Russell, —. No. 39, John H. Holton,* —. No. 43, Wm. C. Hobbs,* —. No. 44, C. P. Salter, J. W. No. 45, Timothy Fessenden, W. M. No. 46, John C. Heyl, S. W.; C. B. Stebbins, J. W. No. 47, John W. Rigby,* W. M. No. 49, Stephen Cady, W. M.; H. G. Reynolds,* S. and J. W. Carrollton, U. D., J. B. Samuel, W. M. Mount Moriah, U. D., Joseph H. Ralston,* —. Benevolent,

U. D., William J. Wakerlee, W. M. Jackson, U. D., J. B. Guilford,* W. M. Reclamation, U. D., D. W. Pressell, W. M.; J. S. Wilber,* S. W. Washington, U. D., John G. Baker, W. M.; Thos. S. Roe, S. W. Pittsfield, U. D., R. W. Scanland, S. W.; James T. Hyde, J. W. Trio, U. D., P. A. Whittaker, W. M. Fraternal, U. D., J. C. Johnson,* W. M. New Boston, U. D., E. D. Morgan,* W. M. Belvidere, U. D., Nijah Hotchkiss, J. W. Lacon, U. D., William Fenn, W. M. St. Mark's, U. D., John F. Gray, W. M."

There was also present the following visitors :

"M. W. J. W. S. Mitchell, P. G. M. and P. G. Sec., Grand Lodge of Missouri ; E. G. Earnheart, No. 60, Indiana; Samuel Hutton, J. H. Luce, and L. B. Gray, No. 1; Clark Winsor, Reclamation, U. D.; I. H. Hardy, John Bailhache, J. W. Schweppe, No. 27; E. J. Harper, Vale, Lebold, John Smith, Stoeckel, and Weigler, of Alton."

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with. Grand Master Lavery then delivered his address, but its length forbids its insertion here.

He returned thanks to the Great I Am, "in whom all faithful brethren continually put their trust," that the members of the Craft were again permitted to assemble in annual communication; reported the continuance of the dispensation of "Hardin Lodge," at Nashville, which Lodge, for some reason, had been overlooked by the Grand Lodge at its session of 1847; the granting of dispensations for Mount Moriah, Benevolent, Jackson, Reclamation, New Boston, Fraternal, Social, Belvidere, Lacon, Jerusalem, Trio, Pittsfield, Benton, and Euclid Lodges, at Hillsboro, Meredosia, Shelbyville, Nauvoo, New Boston, Monticello, Hennepin, Belvidere, Lacon, Oregon City, Rock Island, Pittsfield, Benton, and Naperville, respectively.

The Grand Lodge of Missouri, upon petition to that body, recommended to Bro. Lavery to authorize the members of Mount Moriah Lodge to reorganize under the charter granted them by the Grand Lodge of Missouri (which had been declared forfeited), thus avoiding the necessity of another probation under dispensation. Bro. Lavery, not understanding by what authority the Grand Master of one State could revive the charter of a Lodge declared forfeited by another Grand Lodge, declined doing so, and tendered the brethren at Hillsboro a dispensation, which they accepted. He reported granting permission for Cambridge Lodge No. 49 to hold its meetings alternately at Rock Island and Cambridge, which continued in force until the brethren at Rock Island procured a dispensation for a Lodge of their own.

A like dispensation was granted to Hiram Lodge No. 26, to hold its meetings at Henderson and Knoxville. Temple Lodge No. 46 having initiated a candidate after the return of their dispensation to the Grand Lodge, Bro. Lavery decided the work illegal, and required the work done over again, thus healing the irregularity. This decision was an impor-

*Proxy.

tant one, as the same thing had been done repeatedly prior to 1847. The following correspondence with the Grand Master of Iowa explains itself.

“BLOOMINGTON, Iowa, March 15, 1848.

“*M. W. William Lavelly, Esq., Grand Master Grand Lodge of Illinois:*

“DEAR SIR AND BRO.—By a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, at its last communication, it becomes my duty, as the Grand Master of said Grand Lodge, to call your attention to a misapprehension under which the members of the Grand Lodge of Illinois appear to be laboring.

“In the printed proceedings of your Grand Lodge, both (I believe) for 1845 and for 1846, under the name of Rising Sun Lodge No. 12 and Keokuk U. D., the following note appears, to-wit: the one, ‘charter forfeited;’ the other, ‘dispensation forfeited, and now under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.’ *This is a mistake;* those Lodges have never been under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

“At the convention which met at Iowa City, in January, 1844, to form the Grand Lodge of Iowa, delegates from those Lodges appeared, claiming to be under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, asking permission to take seats and participate in the doings of the convention, but were refused admission, on the ground that we had been advised that they were not in good standing in your Grand Lodge. After our Grand Lodge was organized, they again applied to be admitted under its jurisdiction, but were again refused admission, until they should produce a certificate from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, of their good standing in that Grand Lodge. The certificate was not presented to our Grand Lodge; consequently those Lodges were not admitted under our jurisdiction, as you will see by the printed proceedings of the convention to which I have alluded above, and the proceedings of the first grand communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, copies of which, I believe, were transmitted to the Grand Secretary of your Grand Lodge. The members of the Grand Lodge of Iowa desire *you*, as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, to have the misapprehension removed and the mistake corrected, as a matter of justice to them, as members of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

“Please acknowledge the receipt of this, and believe me to be, respectfully and fraternally, your obedient servant,

ANSEL HUMPHREYS,

“*Grand Master of Iowa.*”

“SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 31, 1848.

“*M. W. Ansel Humphreys, Esq., Grand Master Grand Lodge of Iowa:*

“DEAR SIR AND BRO.—Your very respectful communication of the 15th inst. has been received and its contents duly considered. You complain that the members of our Grand Lodge appear to be laboring under a misapprehension in stating in the printed proceedings, both for 1845 and 1846, that Rising Sun Lodge No. 12 and Keokuk Lodge U. D., having respectively forfeited their charter and dispensation, were ‘now under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Iowa,’ and request me, ‘as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, to have the misapprehension removed and the mistake corrected.’

“I must, most respectfully, and in all kindness, beg leave to differ with my esteemed brethren, the members of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa, as to the members of our Grand Lodge laboring under any misapprehension whatever, so far as the notes in the printed proceedings referred to are concerned. Our Grand

Lodge, recognizing and acting upon the principle that her territorial jurisdiction is co-extensive with the civil jurisdiction of the State of Illinois, *beyond which* in any State or Territory in which there may be a Grand Lodge established, she will not exercise her powers or privileges; *within which* she will not patiently endure that another Grand Lodge shall establish, exercise, and maintain jurisdiction; it was noted by the Grand Secretary, in the list of subordinate Lodges of our Grand Lodge, in the printed proceedings of 1845, under the head of 'Rising Sun Lodge No. 12, at Montrose, Iowa,' that 'this Lodge came under censure in 1843; at the formation of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, it *passed under that jurisdiction*,' and under the head of 'Keokuk Lodge U. D.,' that it was 'censured by committee in 1842, but no action of the Grand Lodge was had thereupon; it is now *within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Iowa*.' And also in the printed proceedings of our Grand Lodge for the year 1846, it was again noted, in the same connection, 'No. 12, vacant;' and under the head of 'Keokuk Lodge U. D., at Keokuk, Iowa, dispensation forfeited, now under the *territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Iowa*.'

"Thus, M. W. brother, being informed as to the stand taken by our Grand Lodge with regard to her jurisdiction, and being corrected in your quotations as to the precise words used by our Grand Secretary in noticing those two lodges, to which the members of your M. W. Grand Lodge took exceptions, I hope and am assured that you and the members of your M. W. Grand Lodge will be perfectly and fully satisfied that no odium or reproach was intended to be cast upon your M. W. Grand Lodge, or its worthy officers and members.

"The members of your M. W. Grand Lodge, laboring under what I conceive to be a misapprehension of the meaning and intention of our Grand Secretary, in noticing the Lodges that had passed from under our territorial jurisdiction by the establishment of your M. W. Grand Lodge, and believing that such a notice was calculated, if not intended, to cast a reproach upon them, it affords me the utmost pleasure to be enabled to remove such misapprehension, and to assure them of the high respect and fraternal regard entertained by our Grand Lodge for her sister Grand Lodge of the State of Iowa and her subordinates.

"Hoping that the brethren of your M. W. Grand Lodge may be satisfied with this explanation, I have the honor to be, with great respect,

"Yours fraternally, &c.,

"WILLIAM LAVELY,

"Grand Master Grand Lodge of Illinois."

He then touches upon the subject of Grand Lecturers and "itinerants," being somewhat "down" upon the latter class of gentry. The subject of the education of Masonic orphans was fully and freely commented upon, and urged as one of the duties of the Fraternity.

The address, which was an able paper, was referred to Breth. Anderson (9), Ralston (1), Holton (39), Hobbs (43), and Happy (3).

The following committees were then announced:

On Returns and Work of Chartered Lodges.—Breth. Morse (26), Anderson (9), Hammond (37). *On Lodges U. D.*—Dills (1), Hobbs (43), and Mitchell (G. Sec.). *Petitions and Grievances.*—Lusk (9), Ketcham (27), and McMurtry (26). *To Examine Visitors.*—Dickey (4), Hicks (31). *Finance.*—Warren (14), Anderson (9), and Siddall (2).

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock P. M., at which time the Grand Lodge again assembled. The same brethren were present as in the morning.

An invitation to dedicate the Hall of Franklin Lodge was accepted, and Breth. Holton (39), Warren (3), and Cabanis (4), were appointed a committee to make the proper arrangements.

Bro. Anderson offered a resolution, which was adopted, declaring that when the office of W. M. became vacant, it was the right of the Lodge to proceed to an election without a dispensation from the M. W. Grand Master.

The question brought up by Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 31, at the session of 1847, regarding the trial of Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, was disposed of by adding to section XVII. of the by-laws (which provided that *all* business except conferring the first and second degrees, should be done in a Master's Lodge), "and the trial of E. A.'s and F. C.'s for delinquencies."

An appeal of Bro. John Gregory from the action of Harmony Lodge, in suspending him, was referred to the Committee on Petitions and Grievances, when the Grand Lodge was called off until Tuesday morning 9 o'clock.

Tuesday morning, the Grand Lodge was again called on, the same officers and representatives present as on Monday.

The Grand Master, in order to expedite business, laid down as a rule that no brother would be permitted to speak twice on the same subject, without leave of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Lodges U. D. reported, recommending the granting of charters to Mount Moriah, as 51; Benevolent, 52; Jackson, 53; Reclamation, 54; Hardin, as Washington, 55; Pittsfield, 56; Trio, as 57; Fraternal, 58; New Boston, 59; and Belvidere, as 60; which was concurred in, and the representatives of these Lodges invited to seats. The committee, in view of the undue haste in which one or more of these Lodges had conferred degrees, recommended the adoption of a resolution, prescribing that one lunar month should elapse between the reception of a petition and initiation, and a similar time between the conferring of the first and second, and second and third degrees. The resolution was laid over for consideration.

The matter relating to Trio Lodge was referred to the Committee on Petitions and Grievances, and the remainder of the report adopted.

An appeal from T. F. O'Daniel, an Entered Apprentice, from certain action of Herman Lodge No. 39, was referred back to the Lodge for further action.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges reported the returns of Nos. 1, 2, 3, 9, 14, 17, 26, 37, 39, 43, and 50 correct and dues paid.

Bro. Lusk, late Grand Secretary, reported that after carefully balan-

cing his books, he found \$11.16 due the Grand Lodge, which had escaped the notice of the Finance Committee, and which he had paid over to the Grand Treasurer. His communication was referred to the Finance Committee.

Upon Bro. Warren's motion to that effect, the name of Fletcher Lodge was changed to that of Carrollton.

Breth Ketcham (27), Davis (33), and Pickett (15), were appointed a Committee on Unfinished Business.

Breth. Lusk (9), Crandall (46), and Davis (15), were appointed a committee to determine as to the expediency of a "public procession, &c," during the sitting.

Bro. Warren called up the resolution offered by him in 1847, providing that no Lodge should vote by proxy, which Bro. Anderson moved to amend by adding "unless he be a member of the Lodge which he represents."

Bro. Reynolds moved to amend the amendment by inserting a proviso "that this resolution shall not take effect until after this present communication." Whereupon Bro. Warren withdrew his motion, and moved to take up the resolution offered by Bro. Sweat in 1847, providing for the creation of a representative fund, and the manner of payment of the same, but as this was an amendment to the constitution, and the subordinate Lodges had not voted thereon, the Grand Master decided it could not properly be taken up; when Bro. Anderson renewed the motion of Bro. Warren, regarding the resolution of that brother, which was carried, and the amendment thereto accepted by Bro. Warren. Bro. Lavelly, having decided that the resolution could not be amended at that time, the whole matter was withdrawn.

Bro. Elias Hibbard then came to the rescue, and offered a resolution, stating as the sense of the Grand Lodge, that the fourth clause of the constitution was intended to mean that the proxy of an officer of a subordinate Lodge should be a member of the same Lodge with the officer whose proxy he held; which was adopted by a vote of yeas and nays, Yeas, 36; nays, 7.

Bro. Samuel H. Davis submitted the report on correspondence. It was an able document, and reviewed the Grand Lodges of Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Louisiana ("old and new"), Mississippi, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa, Texas, Districts of Montreal and William Henry, Canada.

The Grand Lodge of Vermont was fully recognized. Under the head of New York, "that a member of one of our subordinate (Illinois) Lodges, while in New York city, saw, upon landing, large placards, announcing that the Grand Lodge of New York would appear in procession on a certain day and at a given hour, both of which had then arrived."

Presently "the Grand Lodge" appeared to view, and much to the astonishment of our brother, in the large procession of Ancient Craft, Royal Arch, and Templar Masons which greeted his eyes, *not a white face was to be seen*. We can well imagine our brother's exclamation when the head of the column appeared—niggers! The report is extremely lengthy, and is of but little interest at the present day.

After the reading of the report, the Grand Lodge was called off until 2 o'clock P. M., at which time it was again called to labor.

The Committee on Lodges U. D. recommended the granting of charters to Lacon Lodge, as No. 61; Jerusalem, as 62; and St. John's Lodge, at Woodstock, as St. Marks, No. 63; and recommended the continuance of the dispensation of Social Lodge. Upon the adoption of the recommendation of the committee, the representatives of those Lodges to whom charters were granted were invited to seats in the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Petitions and Grievances reported, in the matter of Trio Lodge, referred to them, that the difficulty grew out of an attempted division of the funds of Cambridge Lodge when the Rock Island brethren formed Trio Lodge. The committee recommended that Trio Lodge pay Cambridge Lodge \$22.50, with which decision the representatives of both Lodges being satisfied, the recommendation was adopted, and on motion of William A. Dickey, a charter was granted Trio as No. 57.

The Grand Lodge then went into an election for grand officers, resulting as follows:

"WILLIAM LAVELY, Springfield, M. W. G. Master.
 E. R. ROE, Shawneetown, R. W. Dep. G. Master.
 JOS. C. KETCHAM, Alton, R. W. S. G. Warden.
 WILLIAM C. HOBBS, Bloomington, R. W. J. G. Warden.
 WILLIAM McMURTRY, Henderson, R. W. G. Treasurer.
 WILLIAM MITCHELL, Peoria, R. W. G. Secretary.
 SAMUEL H. DAVIS, Peoria, R. W. G. Orator.
 GEORGE DAVIS, Chicago, *his alternate*.
 Rev. CHAS. HOWARD, R. W. G. Chaplain."

The election of Grand Tyler was postponed until the Grand Lodge had been located for another year. Bro. Roe moved a resolution that the Grand Lodge "should not now" be permanently located, which was adopted.

Bro. Ketchum moved that when the Grand Lodge proceeded to vote upon the question of location, two points, northern and southern, should be fixed upon, and that the Grand Lodge should meet alternately at the two places. The motion was lost.

Bro. Sweat moved that the next session be held at Peru.

Bro. Cabanis moved to amend by inserting Decatur.

Bro. Davis (Geo.) moved to insert Chicago, and supported his motion by the written invitation of the two Chicago Lodges to the Grand

Lodge; whereupon all the motions were withdrawn, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to fix the place by a general vote. Upon the first ballot Chicago received 18 votes, Springfield 5, Rushville 2, Decatur 2, Peru 1, Shawneetown 15, and Pittsfield 5. On the second ballot Chicago received 27, Shawneetown 17, and Springfield 5 votes, and Chicago was declared the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1849.

Bro. N. Christy, of Chicago, was then elected Grand Tyler.

A communication from Wm. M. Black, W. M. Temperance Lodge No. 16, representing that that Lodge had become so reduced by removals and deaths, as to be placed in anything but a working condition, was presented, asking that they be granted the privilege of suspending work, as they did not wish to surrender their charter.

The request was granted, and the charter, jewels, etc., ordered to be forwarded to the Grand Master until such time as the Lodge should be revived.

After hearing a report from the Committee of Arrangements for the dedication of the hall of Franklin Lodge, the Grand Lodge was called off until 7 o'clock P. M.

At 7 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called to labor.

A communication from F. W. Herring, S. G. W. Grand Lodge New York, was referred to La Fayette Lodge No. 18, "with instructions to act on it."

The Grand Master presented his account for printing dispensations, cash paid for stationery and postage, in all \$9.50. This whole amount would not pay the postage alone of the present Grand Master for one month, much less a whole year. The consolidation of Apollo and Oriental Lodges, of Chicago, was reported and approved. The Grand Secretary was empowered to have four copies of the proceedings bound, and that he purchase a seal.

The committee appointed to revise the constitution reported, and the report ordered to be published in the proceedings and acted upon by the subordinate Lodges as a whole, their determination to be reported to the next annual communication.

Bro. Rockhold offered a resolution providing for a committee to inquire into the condition of Bro. Halfpenny, an indigent Mason residing at Canton.

Breth. Rockhold (30), Morse (26), and Crandall (46), were appointed.

Bro. Davis offered a resolution providing for the approval of the constitution adopted by a convention in Baltimore in 1847, for the formation of a Supreme Grand Lodge, which, at his request, was laid over until the next day. He was called away from Alton early the next morning, and the resolution was never taken up and acted on.

The Grand Lodge was called off until Wednesday morning.

Wednesday morning the Grand Lodge was called to labor. The same

officers and members were present as in the evening before, except that Bro. Dills was acting as J. G. W. *p. t.*

The following appointments were announced :

“ R. W. DILLER, Springfield, R. W. D. G. Secretary.
 WILLIAM A. DICKEY, Springfield, R. W. G. Lecturer.
 W. W. BENNETT, Mt. Vernon, W. G. S. D.
 HOSEA J. ARMSTRONG, Decatur, J. G. D.
 H. G. REYNOLDS, Rock Island, G. Marshal.
 CLARK B. STEBBINS, Peoria, G. Sword Bearer.
 WM. E. RUSSELL, Danville, G. Pursuivant.
 JOHN DALEY, }
 JOHN PAHLMAN, } Chicago, G. Stewards.”

Breth. Davis (15), Mitchell (15), and Warren (3), were appointed a Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The committee on the address of the Grand Master reported. They recommended the appointment of a committee of three to determine the work, the setting aside of — cents annually as a fund from which to pay Grand Lecturers, and that no dispensation should be granted until the W. M. and Wardens of the new Lodge were certified to be capable of conferring the three degrees. The first and second resolutions were postponed indefinitely, and the third, after having been so amended as to apply to the Master only, was adopted.

Bro. Ketcham moved the discharge of the Committee on Education, appointed at the last annual communication, and the appointment of a new committee.

Bro. Roe moved to amend by adding that the committee be instructed to report a plan for three schools, one to be located at the place of holding the Supreme Court in each grand division, said plan to be prepared with reference to economy and the greatest amount of usefulness. The resolution as amended was adopted.

Breth. Ketcham (27), Holton (39), Davis (33), Roe (14), and Hobbs (43), were constituted the Committee on Education.

Bro. Sweat moved to take up the resolution creating a representative fund, which was tabled.

The Committee on Petitions and Grievances reported that the letter of John Gregory was no appeal from the action of Harmony Lodge, and were discharged from further consideration of the same.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to Concert Hall, where the grand officers were installed by P. G. M. Mitchell, of Missouri, and upon its return to the Lodge-room, the Grand Lodge was called off until 2 o'clock P. M., and at that hour was again called off until 7 o'clock P. M., when the Grand Lodge again assembled and proceeded to labor.

Bro. Cabanis moved that the Grand Lodge pay the expenses of such grand officers as were not representatives of Lodges, which was lost, a

motion of Bro. Dills to lay the motion on the table prevailing, by a vote of 21 to 7.

Bro. Roe moved that the Committee on Education report their several plans for schools to the Grand Secretary in time for publication in the minutes, which was lost.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary were referred to the Finance Committee.

The Grand Secretary was directed to omit "rejections" in the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

A resolution, declaring it the right of subordinate Lodges to remit dues to all indigent Masons, was adopted.

The Committee on Lodges U. D. recommended the continuance of the dispensation of Euclid Lodge, which was concurred in.

The second resolution in the first report of the Committee on Lodges U. D., was stricken out, and the report adopted as amended.

The committee on the case of Bro. Halfpenny was directed to inquire into the case of Bro. James De Coursey, of No. 31. There is not a meeting (regular) of Mt. Vernon Lodge recorded up to 1848, that does not show an appropriation of some kind for this brother. Seventy-five dollars was appropriated to Carding Jackson.

The Finance Committee reported the receipts at \$927.00; in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, \$1,527.87½, and that the accounts of Past Grand Master Walker were in an unsettled state, and recommended action thereupon. The report was adopted.

Bro. Skinner moved to take up the resolution creating a representative fund, and upon a motion to divide the question, withdrew his motion. The bonds of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer were presented and approved.

On motion of Bro. Cabanis, it was resolved that when a Lodge received a petition it was the duty of the Lodge to act upon it *fully*, at the proper time.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was adopted and ordered printed.

The Committee on Lodges U. D. recommended the continuance of the dispensation of Benton Lodge, which was concurred in.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges reported the returns of Nos. 29, 38, and 42 correct. They reported the total number of Master Masons in the State to be 1,050; initiations, 330; non-affiliated, 258.

The Grand Secretary was directed to correspond with Past Grand Master Walker, upon the subject of his accounts.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until Thursday morning 8 o'clock.

Upon re-assembling, the vote upon the adoption of the recommendation of the Committee on Lodges U. D., continuing the dispensation of Benton Lodge was reconsidered, and a charter granted as No. 64.

The loan made Bro. Chatterton in 1846 and renewed in 1847, was again renewed.

Breth. Bailhache (27), Happy (3), and Davis (15), were elected Trustees under the charter granted by the General Assembly.

The committee on the case of Bro. Halfpenny reported that in 1846 he was allowed \$25, in 1847, \$40, and that in this ratio the Grand Lodge would be expected to appropriate \$65; that Morning Star Lodge had received \$220 for work done, and \$37 for dues, and had made no appropriations for charity; consequently, a majority of the committee reported unfavorably. This, we think, was right. But the minority of the committee was not satisfied, and moved an appropriation of \$40, which was finally cut down to \$30, and, with a like appropriation for Bro. James De Coursey, was passed.

Hiram Lodge No. 26 was authorized to meet at Henderson and Knoxville alternately. The report of the Committee on Constitution was read and amended by striking out "first Monday in June" and inserting "third Monday in May," which was adopted. A bill of fifteen dollars, for music at the dedication of Franklin Lodge, was presented and lost, whereupon it was moved by Bro. McMurtry to take up the resolution of Bro. Dills, offered in 1847, refusing to pay music bills, and the motion was lost. An attempt was again made to pay the bill incurred by Franklin Lodge for her own benefit, which was lost.

On motion of Bro. Cabanis, it was resolved that a Warden had the right to preside in the absence of the Master and confer degrees, without reference to the Past Master's degree. The thanks of the Grand Lodge were tendered Bro. O. C. Skinner, for his services at the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

On motion of Bro. Dills, it was resolved that if a majority of the Lodges reported in favor of the schools, the M. W. Grand Master and Trustees should proceed to organize one in each grand division of the State.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge having been rendered to Bro. Lavelly and the brethren at Alton, it was closed.

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BODLEY LODGE NO. 1.

The following brethren were raised by this Lodge in 1848: C. Starr, Jan. 10; John Flack, Jan. 17; A. McFarland, Feb. 28; William Green, April 24; S. Holmes, Sept. 18.

March 30, Bro. A. W. Blakesley was affiliated. April 17, communications from Mt. Vernon, Macomb, and the Alton Lodges, in regard to education, were received and referred to a Committee on Education, consisting of Breth. Ralston, Skinner, Watson, and Hutton. May 29, Bro. Lucas, of Harmony Lodge No. 3, was introduced by Bro. Warren,

his mission to the Lodge being to solicit aid towards erecting a monument to Bro. John J. Hardin. The matter was referred to Breth. Watson, Hutton, and Dills. The committee appointed at a previous meeting reported against a public celebration of the 24th June. July 14, Bro. James Murphy, who "died suddenly, on the 13th July," was buried. July 17, the business at this meeting was almost altogether of a charitable nature. July 26, Bro. Richard Field was buried. Aug. 21, the report of the Committee on Education was read and laid over until the Monday following, at which time it was, after some amendment, adopted. This report does not appear on the record. Dec. 26, officers as follows were elected: John Crockett, W. M.; Harrison Dills, S. W.; Samuel Hutton, J. W.; Q. S. Barton, Treas.; William Blakesley, Sec'y; F. B. Leech, Chaplain. The record of the election of *William* Blakesley is a mistake as far as the first name is concerned. It should have read "*A. W.*" Dec. 27, the elected officers were installed, as also the following appointed: J. H. Luce and T. E. Durant, Deacons; T. Monroe, Tyler.

EQUALITY LODGE NO. 2.

The first meeting on record from June 24, 1846, is June 3d, 1848. The Master's degree, during 1848, was conferred upon Theodore S. Hazen, Sept. 7; W. H. Crawford, Sept. 12. Edward Holman was also raised, but no date is given.

June 24, the following officers were elected: William Siddall, W. M.; John M. Burnett, S. W.; John Howard, J. W.; Joshua Bradley, Treas.; S. S. Scudder, Sec.; Jos. E. Watkins and John D. Cummings, Deacons. Bro. Siddall had held the office of Treasurer (with the exception of six months as Master), from the organization of the Lodge. Sept. 2, the Lodge voted to pay the burial expenses of Bro. Edmund Jones, a member of the Lodge from its organization. Dec. 27, another election was held, resulting as follows: John M. Burnett, W. M.; E. Holeman, S. W.; W. H. Crawford, J. W.; William Siddall, Treas.; John Howard, Sec.; Watkins and Bradley, Deacons. These officers were all elected unanimously.

HARMONY LODGE NO. 3.

The following brethren received the third degree in this Lodge during 1848: John T. Worthington, Feb. 11; O. M. Long, April 17; Cyrus Epler, April 18; H. H. Graves, April 20; E. L. Dawson, date unknown.

Feb. 7, the following resolutions were adopted:

"*Resolved*, As the sense of this Lodge, that it is contrary to the spirit and ancient usage of Masonry, and in the opinion of this Lodge, it is a violation of Masonic duty, for a brother to demit from a Lodge unless for such reasons as are set forth in the book of constitutions.

"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Lodge it is the duty of each and every brother Master Mason to be a member of the Lodge nearest his residence, provided he shall live within twenty miles of a regular Lodge."

It was ordered that the delegate to the Grand Lodge be instructed to present these resolutions to the Grand Lodge.

April 3, the Lodge subscribed fifty dollars to the Blind Asylum. Sept. 18, Breth. Worthington, Warren, Happy, and Dickson, were appointed a committee upon the matter of schools, as recommended by the Grand Lodge.

Dec. 27, the following officers were elected: W. C. Swett, W. M.; W. S. Hurst, S. W.; N. English, J. W.; W. N. Ross, Treas.; A. C. Dickson, Sec.; W. W. Happy and Cyrus Epler were appointed Deacons.

SPRINGFIELD LODGE NO. 4.

The raisings by this Lodge during 1848 were as follows: M. Hersfeldt, W. Hickman, Jan. 7; — Nichols, Feb. 14; S. S. Whitehurst, Feb. 27; R. W. Diller and Charles Fisher, March 29; J. H. Chamblin and S. H. Morse, Oct. 18; Augustus C. French and Job T. Taylor, Nov. 17; J. P. Brooks and George L. Huntington, Nov. 22.

Jan. 3, the officers elected at the December meeting of 1847 were installed, P. A. Dorwin and S. R. Baker being appointed Deacons.

Dec. 27, officers as follows were elected: Z. P. Cabanis, W. M.; J. W. Keyes, S. W.; M. Brayman, J. W.; William Lavelly, Treas.; A. R. Robinson, Sec. Bro. Brayman was elected W. M., but declined.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 7.

The Master's degree was conferred by this Lodge, during 1848, upon four brethren, viz.: Stephen B. Green, Feb. 1; H. M. Wood, April 25; A. Smith, June 6; E. B. Baker, Dec. 28.

April 12, the petition of sundry brethren at Oregon, Ogle county, for a new Lodge, was recommended. June 15, Bro. D. B. McKenny was elected W. M.; Horace Preston, S. W.; C. T. Chase, J. W.; R. B. Loveland, Treas.; H. N. Tuttle, Sec.; Jas. Campbell and H. M. Wood, Deacons; J. B. Nash, Tyler.

At the installation of these officers on June 24, the W. M., S. W., J. W., and S. D. were installed by proxy, neither of the officers elected to these places being present.

Oct. 11, the decease of Bro. H. M. Wood is incidentally mentioned in the course of business. There is no other record of his death or burial.

Dec. 28, a petition for a new Lodge at Fulton City was recommended.

MACON LODGE NO. 8.

The following raisings were had by this Lodge during 1848: David P. Bunn, March 11; R. O. Paranteau, Aug. 16; Joseph Kaufman, Nov. 17; John Warner, Dec. 27.

Jan. 22, Bro. Prather offered a resolution renting the hall to seven of the members of the Lodge, in order to hold a ball on the 22d February. The resolution was ordered to lie over to January 29, and the Secretary ordered to notify absent brethren. On the 29th the vote was taken by yeas and nays, and the resolution was lost—yeas, 10; nays 11.

March 18, Bro. Gorin was demitted, he being about to remove, and Bro. Braden resigned his office, leaving the Lodge without Wardens. March 24, E. D. Carter was elected S. W.; W. J. Condell, J. W., but he having declined, Bro. Isaac C. Pugh was elected, which vacated the office of Treasurer, whereupon Bro. Stamper was duly elected. The W. M., at this stage of the proceedings, tendered his resignation, which "the Lodge rejected." The election of Bro. Carter as S. W., had vacated the office of J. D., to which place Bro. Ralls was appointed.

July 24, Bro. Hummel tendered his resignation as Tyler, and asked for a demit, both of which were refused.

Nov. 4, an election was had, which resulted in the re-election of Bro. Armstrong as Master; Breth. Carter and Pugh were elected Wardens. The remainder of the officers were re-elected excepting the Tyler, to which office Bro. Ralls was elected.

RUSHVILLE LODGE NO. 9,

Raised as follows: George W. Metze, M. T. Price, and Joseph Montgomery—no dates given.

The officers were as follows: M. L. Reed, W. M.; John C. Bagby, S. W.; Samuel McCreary, J. W.; John B. Seeley, Treas.; James B. Wright, Sec.; William Davis, S. D.; Jacob O. Jones, J. D.; Richard Stephenson, Tyler.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 13.

This Lodge raised the following brethren, viz.: David M. Hulett, Jan. 27; H. L. Owens, Mar. 2; T. D. Brewster, —; Ebenezer Higgins, —; Isaac H. Lamb, —.

Feb. 3, the petition for Social Lodge, at Hennepin, was duly recommended. The records of this Lodge, in our possession, terminate with the meeting of March 16th.

WARREN LODGE NO. 14.

The following named brethren received the Master's degree in No. 14 during 1848: John T. Knox, Feb. 19th; J. B. Barger, June 2d; Job Smith, July 22d; Charles C. Guard, Sept. 1st.

Feb. 28th, the remains of Ephraim H. Gatewood were buried with Masonic honors.

June 13th, the Lodge buried the remains of Bro. Edward Jones, of Equality Lodge No. 2, that Lodge being unable to do so, by reason of its depletion in membership owing to the Mexican war.

Aug. 19th, Bro. Roe was appointed delegate to the Grand Lodge, and instructed to "have engrafted in the new constitution that the Grand Lodge pay the expenses of delegates, also that a provision be made for four *District Grand Masters*." It was also resolved that it was the sense of the Lodge that the Grand Lodge "should still continue to meet on the rotary system."

An invitation to meet at Shawneetown in 1849, was extended. The Lodge passed a resolution to the effect, that the Grand Lodge should concur in the establishment of a "Supreme Grand Lodge of the United States."

Dec. 27th, annual election, resulting as follows: A. G. Caldwell was elected W. M.; J. E. Rearden, S. W.; W. A. Redman, J. W.; Robt. H. Marron, Treas.; Aaron R. Stout, Sec.; E. J. Nicholson and Job Smith, Deacons.

PEORIA LODGE NO. 15.

This Lodge conferred the third degree upon five brethren during 1848, viz.: Geo. Ford, Feb. 19th; Abner Shinn, Mar. 18th; Addison Ramsey, Mar. 24th; Henry Gilbert, Aug. 12th; Joseph McClure, Oct. 20th.

April 15th, Bro. Frederick Semelroth was elected sexton of the cemetery belonging to the Lodge. There is no record of election of officers in 1848, the last meeting recorded in that year being December 9th.

TEMPERANCE LODGE NO. 16.

This Lodge held no meetings during 1848.

MACOMB LODGE NO. 17.

Raisings during 1848 as follows: Jose Anderson, Jan. 1; John O. C. Wilson, Jan. 22; W. S. Hail and Geo. W. Head, Jan. 29; Beverly R. Westfall and John G. Woodside, Jan. 12; W. W. Bristow, Feb. 11; James Mitchell and John D. Hail, Feb. 19; Hugh Ervin, March 7; James B. Kyle, March 27; Charles W. Wyne and W. B. Clarke, April 7; W. H. Phelps, April 14; James Hunter, April 19; Thos. J. Beard, April 22; R. F. Anderson, April 24; Samuel Lewis, April 25; R. H. Broaddus, June 9; J. L. N. Hall, June 16; J. L. Broaddus, June 20; G. L. Farwell, June 21; J. S. Clarke, June 24; A. W. Lewis, Aug. 3; Jeremiah L. Cross, Sept. 2.

Bro. William A. Dickey presided at the meetings of April 22 and 24, and conferred the Master's degree upon Breth. Beard and R. F. Anderson. June 24, officers as follows were elected: J. E. Wyne, W. M.;

J. B. Kyle, S. W.; P. H. Walker, J. W.; W. Ervin, Treas.; R. F. Anderson, Sec.; C. W. Wyne, Tyler. Bro. W. T. Head was first elected S. W., but declined. Bro. Kyle was then elected. R. H. Broaddus and J. L. Broaddus were appointed Deacons. Oct. 13, Bro. Walker was demitted, when H. Ervin was elected J. W., to fill the vacancy caused by said demission. Dec. 1, the college building and grounds which had been purchased by the Lodge, were donated to the "Presbytery of the Old School Church of Schuyler county," the Lodge reserving the right to appoint one professor, who should, however, be an "Old School Presbyterian."

LAFAYETTE LODGE NO. 18.

The raisings reported during 1848, by this Lodge, were: C. P. Alba, Chas. N. Dodge, Alvah Miller, Israel N. Martin, Wm. V. Carpenter, Benj. Johnson, Jacob Gauch, Jr., John G. Weld, James Robinson, Rudolph Wohrle, Augustus F. Otto, D. C. Young, Geo. Lobstein, B. F. Christy, H. Webber, R. E. Goodrich, John Grady.

Officers.—Carding Jackson, W. M.; Isaac N. Arnold, S. W.; J. C. Miller, J. W.; H. W. Bigelow, Treas.; Isaac P. Hatfield, Sec.; Philip Newburg, S. D.; J. L. Thompson, J. D.; V. W. Potter and John B. Weir, Stewards; Nathan Christy, Tyler.

CLINTON LODGE NO. 19.

This Lodge raised one brother only during 1848, viz.: A. D. Vanmeter.

The officers (as returned to the Grand Lodge) were: John Bennett, W. M.; Thos. S. Harris, S. W.; Samuel Smith, J. W.; Charles G. Brooks, Treas.; A. F. Rainey, Sec.; A. B. White, Tyler.

HANCOCK LODGE NO. 20.

The charter of this Lodge appears to have been surrendered, but at what time it is impossible to state. The records of the Lodge were destroyed by fire in 1856, and the fire at Peoria in 1849 consumed all the books and papers of the Grand Lodge, so that we are completely in the dark as regards the surrender of the charter of this Lodge.

CASS LODGE NO. 23.

Raisings during 1848 as follows: Eli Houghton, G. S. Taylor, Philo Norton. The return to the Grand Lodge shows that R. F. Kippinburg was W. M.; J. B. Taylor, S. W.; John Scammon, J. W.; Thos. Eyre, Treas.; Wm. Chapman, Sec.; G. S. Taylor, S. D.; T. J. Burns, J. D.; V. A. Turpin and C. Sprague, Stewards; James McClure, Tyler.

ST. CLAIR LODGE NO. 24.

Two brethren were raised by No. 24 in the year 1848, viz.: William H. Bennett, April 8; J. Collins Foster, Dec. 13.

January 3, the following officers were elected: Cornelius Cogan, T. Hinckley, S. W.; L. D. Turner, J. W.; John Mace, Treas.; C. G. Y. Taylor, Sec.; Julius Raith, S. D.; G. W. Hook, J. D.; D. Wilson, Tyler.

Dec. 11, the following were elected: Alexander Reany, W. M.; Julius Raith, S. W.; John Mace, J. W.; William M. Parker, Treas.; C. G. Y. Taylor, Sec.; C. Cogan, S. D.; J. D. Evans, J. D.; D. Wilber, Tyler; L. D. Turner, Marshal.

The Lodge held no meetings from June 14 to Dec. 11, 1848.

FRANKLIN LODGE NO. 25.

The following named brethren were reported as raised, in the return of this Lodge for 1848: James M. Finley, William Hall, William Gilham, John S. Fisher, John Finly, R. M. Waggoner, I. Lehman, Wm. R. Wright, Wm. P. Campbell, A. Treislinger, Chas. Vancamp, Isaac E. Warnack, Joseph Cook, Overton T. Corn, John C. Griffith, Wm. Finly, Wm. H. Briggs.

The officers reported were: John Higham, W. M.; D. M. Kittinger, S. W.; Geo. Willis, J. W.; Geo. Lebold, Treas.; G. R. Stocker, Sec.; Henry Stoeckle, S. D.; James P. Burnes, J. D.; J. B. Smith, Tyler.

HIRAM LODGE NO. 26.

Four brethren received the sublime degree of Master Mason in No. 26 during 1848, viz.: Charles Clark, March 30; Reuben Bailly, Aug. 23; Levi Lane, Sept. 7; Joseph Henderson, Sept. 21.

Jan. 15, officers as follows were elected: Nelson D. Morse, W. M.; William McMurtry, S. W.; S. G. Dean, J. W.; J. J. Jackson, Treas.; J. B. Hoag, Sec.; James Price, Ass't Sec.; J. J. Hedstrom, Chaplain; Thomas Champion, Tyler. The following were appointed: J. M. Witt, S. D.; Isaac Gulihur, J. D.

PIASA LODGE NO. 27.

The raisings, in the year 1848, by this Lodge, were as follows. S. Y. McMasters, Feb. 14; Samuel Wade, Feb. 19; Geo. Frederick, May 16; Geo. C. Wood, Aug. 8; Patrick Dunn, Sept. 12; B. C. Snyder, Oct. 6; G. R. Scott, Oct. 30.

Sept. 7, Bro. Geo. T. Brown resigned as W. M., and on Sept. 12 Bro. Timothy Souther was elected to fill the vacancy.

Dec. 15, the following officers were elected: N. G. Edwards, W. M.; Thos. Brown, S. W.; B. C. Snyder, J. W.; L. S. Metcalfe, Treas.; B. F. Sergeant, Sec.; C. Carpenter, Tyler. J. W. Schweppe and H. Weigler were appointed Deacons.

MONROE LODGE NO. 28.

During 1848, this Lodge raised Valentine Werheim, Feb. 12.

At the July meeting (date not given) the following officers were elected: Emery P. Rogers, W. M.; James R. Axley, S. W.; John Morrison, J. W.; William Simpson, Treasurer; Daniel Converse, Secretary; Jeremiah Coleman, S. D.; William Cowell, J. D.; William W. Wyles, Tyler.

PEKIN LODGE NO. 29.

Breth. John Filliken, Anson G. Henry, John H. Morrison, Joel E. Jones, Wm. Krieger, Benjamin F. James, and Philander Pickard were raised by this Lodge during 1848. The officers for 1848 were Benj. S. Prettyman, W. M.; Turner R. King, S. W.; Daniel Taney, J. W.; Rev. A. Woolston, Chaplain; D. B. Perkins, Treasurer; Samuel P. Bailey, Secretary; William Wilkey and R. H. Snell, Deacons; D. Corwin and E. Jones, Stewards; Wm. Krieger, Tyler.

MORNING STAR LODGE NO. 30.

Officers.—Charles W. Rockhold, W. M.; Barnet F. Ruble, S. W.; Jacob W. Brewer, J. W.; Peter L. Snyder, Treasurer; John W. Shinn, Secretary; E. W. Mitchell and Joseph Warders, Deacons; Michael B. Thorn, Tyler.

The raisings reported are as follows: B. F. Ruble, A. W. Inman, Jos. Warders, Jonathan Neis, J. W. Brewer, E. W. Mitchell, John W. Shinn, M. B. Thorn, Marcus Kohn, Eli Taylor, Francis Mandlebaum.

MT. VERNON LODGE NO. 31.

The following brethren received the third degree in this Lodge during 1848: John H. Watson, Jan. 3; Thos. H. Hobbs, Jan. 31; Asa B. Watson, Feb. 7; Charles T. Pace, Mar. 6; Daniel Baltzell, June 5; John H. Pace, Oct. 9; Wm. H. Lynch, Nov. 26; A. F. Dusenbury, Dec. 11.

No. 31 was earnestly in favor of the matter of schools for the education of the children of deceased and indigent Masons. On the 10th Feb. the Lodge passed resolutions to the effect that the Grand Lodge ought to establish one such school in each grand division of the State, and distribute to these schools the surplus of all funds on hand after payment of the expenses of the Grand Lodge in each and every year. Also, to assess such dues upon each Master Mason as might be necessary to support the schools. The schools were recommended to be "on the manual labor system."

April 3, the Lodge resolved "to build a hall," and on the 8th April Breth. J. H. Watson, Hobbs, and Short, were appointed a building committee.

April 15, this committee reported in favor of the purchase of Lot No. 10, Block 19, and also in favor of erecting a building two stories high, 44 feet long, "due east and west" and 24 feet wide between the north and south. Then follows a minute description of the manner in which the edifice was to be erected. The "cornice &c.," was to be "similar to that of Judge Scate's new store-house, except the gable end finish, which shall be an arch, supported by two columns, with a Keystone in the centre of the arch."

The following officers were elected June 24: W. W. Bennett, W. M.; R. F. Wingate, S. W.; James P. Haynes, J. W.; D. Baugh, Sec.; Daniel Kinney, Treas.; C. T. Pace, Tyler.

July 3, a petition from a number of brethren for a new Lodge at Benton was recommended.

Dec. 11, it was reported to the Lodge that three children of a deceased brother were in destitute circumstances, whereupon a committee was appointed to take charge of them, with power to draw upon the treasury from time to time, for their "support and protection."

ORIENTAL LODGE NO. 33.

This Lodge raised the following brethren during 1848: Peter Harrington, Feb. 18; Hugh Fullerton and A. G. Burley, Feb. 26, James McNair, Mar. 31; J. B. Arcan, April 7; A. L. Jacobus, April 21; F. Rosenmerkle, May 5.

On the 4th of Feb. the petition of A. E. Ames, and "sundry other brethren," for a new Lodge at Belvidere, Boone county, was recommended.

Sept. 15th, the Lodge passed a resolution to the effect that the establishment of a Masonic school was a necessity, and requesting the Grand Lodge to take action in regard to the same. The following officers were elected Dec. 15. Geo. Davis, W. M.; Wm. H. Davis, S. W.; J. A. Reichart, J. W.; A. G. Burley, Treas.; L. P. Hilliard, Sec.; C. Drake, S. D.; J. H. Pahlman, J. D.; Rev. Wm. Barlow, Chaplain; J. H. Bird, J. V. Z. Blaney, W. B. Herrick (all doctors), Stewards; N. Christie, Tyler.

BARRY LODGE NO. 34.

This Lodge raised two brethren to the third degree during 1848, viz.: Isaiah Lewton and John Spencer. The officers for 1848 were Joseph Jackson, W. M.; Elisha Hurt, S. W.; A. F. Bill, J. W.; Jacob Myers, Jr., Treas.; Lewis Angle, Sec.; David Shields, S. D.; J. N. Love, J. D.; Alfred Grubb, Tyler.

CHARLESTON LODGE NO. 35.

The raisings by this Lodge, during 1848, were as follows: Geo. M. Hanson, Feb. 15th; Alfred Pemberton, April 11th; S. W. Quinn, April

18th; A. K. Bosworth, June 23d; Arthur Collins, Robert Mosely, and Washington Longnecker, June 24th; Stephen Wait, Sept. 12th; Wm. Chandler and J. H. Apperson, Oct. 10th; Wm. Tichenor, Nov. 7th; U. F. Linder, Dec. 20th; D. G. Burr, Dec. 23; M. Digby, Dec. 27th. There is no record of the election of officers during this year.

KAVANAUGH LODGE NO. 36.

Two brethren were raised by this Lodge during 1848, viz.: John C. Gardner and B. P. Miller, June 21.

Sept. 27, the following officers were elected: Wm. C. Smith, W. M.; P. G. Ames, S. W.; Isaac S. Horr, J. W.; Hiram Curtis, Treas.; Robert Barker, Sec.; John Cadman, S. D.; Geo. W. Hepperly, J. D.; James B. Goble, Tyler.

MONMOUTH LODGE NO. 37.

The following brethren were raised during 1848, by No. 37: Henry McAdams, Mar. 7th; David Smith, 2d, April 18th; William Chapman, May 10th; Benoni Merrifield—no date.

On the 2d January the death of Bro. Ezekiel Kent, Jr., was announced, whereupon the customary resolutions were adopted. There appears no record of his burial by the Lodge.

At the meeting of May 3d, Bro. Wm. A. Dickey was present, and conferred the second degree upon Bro. William Chapman.

June 24th, officers as follows were elected: Richard D. Hammond, W. M.; David Smith, S. W.; Daniel T. Denman, J. W.; Henry A. McCarty, Treas.; Daniel C. McNeil, Sec.; Thomas W. Payne, S. D.; Jeremiah Massie, J. D.; Daniel Markham, Tyler.

Breth. John A. Young, Samuel Webster, and Daniel C. McNeil, were *elected* a Committee on "Grievances," and Breth. John A. Young, David Smith, and Daniel C. McNeil, with Breth. Samuel Webster, Geo. W. Palmer, and Jeremiah Massie, as alternates, were *appointed* a Committee "on the Sick."

At the meeting of Sept. 19th, the W. M. was directed to obtain the opinion of the Grand Lodge upon the question as to whether, after a committee upon a petition for initiation had reported favorably, the Lodge could refuse to ballot upon the petition; and also, if after a favorable ballot, the candidate refuses or neglects to attend at the time appointed to confer the degree to which he had been elected, what action was necessary or proper on the part of the Lodge; also, if the Lodge reconsider a ballot once had, if the action of the Lodge places the matter in the hands of the original committee for further investigation. This, in all probability, gave rise to Bro. Cabanis' resolution, (which was adopted by the Grand Lodge) that the Lodge must proceed to ballot upon all petitions presented, in due course of time.

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE NO. 38.

This Lodge raised, during 1848, Brethren Isaac Delay, John B. Alexander, Nimrod Price, Isaac Courtright, and Nathaniel Wilson. The following brethren were reported as having died during this year: Stanley Olmstead, Wm. C. Sconce, Isaac Delay. The officers for 1848 were: Wm. E. Russell, W. M.; Oliver L. Davis, S. W.; L. R. Noel, J. W.; J. W. Mires, Treas.; John H. Sconce, Sec.; Othinel Gilbert, S. D.; J. W. Miller, J. D.; Levi Cline and Reason Hoton, Stewards; Isaac Delay, Tyler.

HERMAN LODGE NO. 39.

Raised during 1848: Isaac Mills, E. McFarland, A. W. Blakesley.

Bro. Blakesley had been initiated and passed in Hancock Lodge previous to its surrender of charter, and on removing to Quincy, requested Bro. O. C. Skinner to ask for the third degree for him, intending to petition Bodley No. 1. By some mistake his petition went to No. 39, where he was raised, and demitted the same evening. This accounts for his affiliation with Bodley Lodge a few days afterwards. The officers of No. 39 during 1848, were: Charles Steinagle, W. M.; C. Ruoff, S. W.; Fred. K. Beshore, J. W.; Damon Hauser, Treas.; H. H. Meier, Sec.; John Rentz and Ferdinand Flachs, Deacons; D. Stahl, Tyler.

OCCIDENTAL LODGE NO. 40.

One brother was raised by No. 40, in the year 1848, viz.: B. B. Fellows, Aug. 7th.

On the 17th of January the death of Bro. Selby Doolittle was announced to the Lodge as having occurred on the 9th inst.

Aeg. 21st, the following officers were elected: William H. L. Wallace, W. M.; B. C. Cook, S. W.; H. W. Hopkins, J. W.; L. Leland, Treas.; Wm. Osman, Sec.; John D. Caton and Wm. Reddick, Deacons; C. V. Kelley, Chaplain; Wm. K. Brown, Tyler. These officers were not installed until February, 1849.

FAR WEST LODGE NO. 41.

This Lodge raised, during 1848, Breth. A. S. Gove, George Weiser, Joseph Stickle, and John B. Coleman. The officers were Geo. W. Woodward, W. M.; A. D. Boyce, S. W.; Wilmot Cady, J. W.; Joseph Harris, Treas.; John E. Smith, Sec.; James Armour and Jas. M. Maughs, Deacons; M. Fawcett, Tyler.

In the list of non-affiliated we recognize the names of a number who were members of Far West Lodge when under the jurisdiction of Missouri.

MT. JOLIET LODGE NO. 42.

We stated in a preceding chapter that it was our opinion that the dispensation for this Lodge was derived from Grand Master Jonas. We gave this opinion in the absence of any direct information in the matter. But we were mistaken. The authority for this Lodge was originally derived from Kentucky.

The dispensation was granted to Jacob Patrick, Norman Hawley, Aaron Kinny, Orange Chancy, Justus Ward, and Myron K. Brownson, and was dated Sept. 2, 1840. The first three of the above named brethren were named as Master, Senior and Junior Wardens. The first meeting was held at the "Great Western, in the town of Juliet." At this meeting Amos Fellows was elected Treasurer, M. K. Brownson, Secretary; Orange Chancy and Eleazer Smith, Deacons; Hiram Blanchard, Tyler. No other business was transacted at this meeting beyond the adoption of a code of by-laws.

At the meeting of Dec. 26, 1840, the following officers were elected: Aaron Kinny, W. M.; Norman Hawley, S. W.; Orange Chancy, J. W.; Amos Fellows, Treas.; Myron K. Brownson, Sec.; and at the meeting of Dec. 31st, the election was reconsidered, and it was "ordered" that the "officers stand as before."

June 3, 1841, the Lodge assembled for the purpose of electing officers, but the Secretary having been advised by the "Grand Lodge" that it was not "according to antient usage to elect the principal officers U. D.," the matter was dropped as far as those officers were concerned. Maurice Murphy was elected Secretary, and R. G. Cook, Treasurer. Breth. Wade and Aldrich were appointed Deacons.

June 24, 1841, was duly celebrated, "Bro. Bachelor" delivering an address upon the "Principles of Masonry," he being followed by "Bro. Davis" in a "very chaste and poetic discourse explanatory of the working tools of Free and Accepted Masons."

July 29, 1841, the Lodge ordered the returns to the Grand Lodge to be made out, and requested by resolution, that the dispensation of the Lodge be continued, and that the Lodge be recommended to the Grand Lodge of Illinois for charter. Dec. 27, 1841, the Secretary was directed to correspond with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in regard to a charter.

The following named brethren were raised during 1841: Jared Runyon and Joel George, Jan. 28; Fenner Aldrich, Feb. 4; Joel A. Matteson, Feb. 18; Thomas Williams and A. E. Ames, March 6; David L. Gregg, Mar. 25; William Fletcher, April 1; J. D. Norton, George Frary, Thos. J. Kinney, and H. G. Brown, April 10; J. Finch, Jr., N. S. Anderson, Thos. J. Wade, and A. W. Herrick, April 22; James P. Quinn,

Samuel Anderson, May 15; Maurice Murphy, May 20; Ambrose O'Connor, July 1; — Richardson and — Taylor, Aug. 26.

On the 16th of June, 1842, the Secretary reported that he had received a charter for the Lodge from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, as Juliet Lodge No. 10. At this meeting Norman Hawley was elected W. M.; Thomas J. Wade, S. W.; Joel George, J. W.; Fenner Aldrich, Treas.; J. Finch, Jr., Sec.

June 24, Breth. Orange Chancy and T. J. Kinney were appointed Deacons; David L. Gregg and James Broady, Stewards, and Jared Runyon, Tyler.

Dec. 27, 1842, another election was held, resulting in the choice of Norman Hawley as W. M.; E. Haren, S. W.; Joel George, J. W.; John Broady, Treas.; T. J. Wade, Sec. The following appointments were made: Jared Runyon and T. J. Kinney, Deacons; R. G. Cook, Tyler. Fourteen brethren were recorded as "withdrawn." But one brother was raised in the year 1842, viz.: William E. Little, Jan. 20.

There is nothing of interest to note during 1843. The Lodge seems to have been in a "bad way." No meetings were held during the months of February, July, and August, and the election of officers at the regular time, June 24, was allowed to go by default, there not being enough members present to fill the offices.

Nov. 30, 1843, the Lodge proceeded to elect officers by a "*viva voce*" vote, when William Smith was elected W. M.; Joel George, S. W.; Wm. E. Little, J. W.; James Broady (or Brodee), Treas.; Thos. J. Wade, Sec. No work was done during the year.

At the meeting of Feb. 1st, 1844 (Bro. Smith having declined), Bro. Thomas J. Wade was elected W. M. The Lodge held but four meetings during 1844, in January, in February (two), and the last the 29th March. The next meeting on the record is that of June 19, 1845, at which an election of officers was had, resulting as follows: Normand Hawley, W. M.; Joel George, S. W.; Wm. E. Little, J. W.; James Broadie, Treas.; N. L. Hawley, Sec.; Jared Runyon and Thos. J. Kinney, Deacons; M. K. Brownson, Tyler. Oct. 9th the Lodge met, and after transacting business of the usual routine character, closed until the next regular. But on the 15th October, Grand Master Walker revoked the charter, and immediately after issued a dispensation for a new Lodge, naming William E. Little as Master, Joel George as S. W., and David Parish as J. W. This dispensation was granted to Breth. Aldrich, Little, Broady, Runyon, Brownson, Kinney, George, Gregg, Matteson, Rucker, Parrish, and Daniel Curtis, and authorized them to meet as "Mount Joliet Lodge No. 10."

Nov. 13, the new Lodge held its first meeting, John Barney presiding. No work beyond one passing was done during 1845.

Oct. 12, 1846, the charter granted by the Grand Lodge in lieu of the charter revoked by Grand Master Walker, was presented to the Lodge by Carding Jackson. Grand Master Walker's permission to retain the number 10 was not approved by the Grand Lodge, who designated the new Lodge by the number it now bears, viz.: 42. The Lodge was duly constituted and its officers installed by Bro. Jackson.

Nov. 28th, the following officers were elected; Wm. E. Little, W. M.; Joel George, S. W.; Wm. Smith, J. W.; D. Curtis, Treas.; Uri Osgood, Sec.; J. Runyon and T. J. Kinney, Deacons; W. W. Dean, Chaplain.

Two brethren were raised during 1846, viz.: Malachi Kennedy, March 7th; Uri Osgood, Jan. 12th.

Dec. 16th, 1847, the following election took place: William Smith, W. M.; Joel George, S. W.; James Broadie, J. W.; Henry G. Brown, Treas.; Uri Osgood, Sec.; Jared Runyon and Thos. J. Kinney, Deacons; Malachi Kennedy, Tyler.

The raisings during 1847, are as follows: Wm. W. Dean, Jan. 9; Edward C. Gillett, Jan. 28; Richard Cox, March 15; Geo. Smith Crawford, April 29.

On the 13th January, 1848, the officers elected in December were publicly installed, "in the Universalist Church."

On the 15th April, 1848, the petition of Nelson D. Elwood was received, and ordered filed. The petition was presented by Breth. Wm. E. Little and James Broadie. On the 18th May he was elected and initiated, and passed June 15.

Nov. 23, Bro. Wade was affiliated, he holding a demit from St. Johns Lodge. There is no record of his demission from No. 42 to join St. Johns Lodge.

Dec. 21, 1848, the following brethren were elected officers: Uri Osgood, W. M.; Nelson D. Elwood, S. W.; Wm. Smith, J. W.; Thos. J. Kinney, Treas.; Geo. S. Crawford, Sec.; Henry G. Brown and James S. Waite, Deacons; William Adams, Robt. J. Cunningham, and Calneh Zarley, Stewards; William E. Little, Tyler.

The raisings during 1848 were as follows: Wm. E. Woodward, April 26; Calneh Zarley, May 11; William Adams, May 19; James S. Waite, June 15; Nelson D. Elwood, June 19; Samuel D. Smith, June 21; Robt. J. Cunningham, Aug. 18; Thos. Clements, Sept. 21.

BLOOMINGTON LODGE NO. 43.

The following named brethren received the Master's degree in No. 43 during 1848: Elisha Harkness, Feb. 21; James E. Parker, March 15; Malin C. Baker, April 13; James O. Barnard, June 12; Geo. W. Stipp, July 27; M. H. Hawks, Aug. 5; M. Z. Saylor, Aug. 10; L. S. Majer, Sept. 12; Joel Depew, Sept. 16.

May 15, the Lodge buried the remains of Bro. Bernard Thomas. June 13, the following officers were elected: John Foster, W. M.; Elijah Depew, S. W.; A. Withers, J. W.; John Mayers, Treas.; S. B. Brown, Sec.; W. C. Hobbs, S. D.; Hazo Parsons, J. D.; Eli N. Powell, Tyler.

Sept. 23, the delegate to the Grand Lodge was directed to vote for Bro. J. R. *Randall* for the office of Grand Master, should his name be presented. The name should read *Crandall*, not *Randall*. A number of instances appear upon the record before us of relief granted the widows of deceased Master Masons. These are not specified, as it is better by far that such acts should be allowed to rest, in accordance with the Scriptural injunction: "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth."

HARDIN LODGE NO. 44.

This Lodge was organized July 23, 1847, by virtue of a dispensation granted by Grand Master Morse, bearing date July 5, 1847, issued to "George Adams, John Bigler, Thos. J. Starr, and other brethren." The three brethren named were Master, Senior and Junior Wardens. The petition for this Lodge was recommended by Rushville Lodge No. 9.

July 23, the Lodge met and was duly opened on the first, second, and third degrees. The brethren present were: Levi Lusk, P. G. M., who presided; John Bigler, John Crim, S. H. B. Clarkson, John S. Baily, George Adams, James Wash, — Kendrick, and John Brown. We presume that the Bro. Kendrick alluded to is Bro. John Kendrick, now of No. 430.

After adopting a code of by-laws, Bro. J. S. Baily was elected Secretary; John Brown, Treasurer; Breth. Crim and Wash were appointed Deacons. After the reception of several petitions, the Lodge was closed.

The raisings by this Lodge during 1847 were as follows: Robert N. Curry, Sept. 17; A. J. F. Prevoost, Sept. 22; J. S. Irwin and Angus McPhail, Sept. 25 (at this latter meeting Bro. Carding Jackson presided); C. P. Slater, Oct. 7, who was raised by Samuel H. Davis, of Peoria Lodge No. 15; G. M. Pickett and E. Wolfkill, Nov. 20; B. D. Stout, Jno. Taylor, J. W. Price, and T. S. Adams, Dec. 30.

Dec. 19, the following officers were elected: J. S. Irwin, W. M.; A. J. F. Prevoost, S. W.; C. P. Slater, J. W.; R. N. Curry, Treas.; J. S. Baily, Sec.; Geo. Adams and G. M. Pickett, Deacons; Angus McPhail, Tyler. The Lodge was chartered at the session of the Grand Lodge in 1847, but no record of the reception of the charter, or of the constitution of the Lodge, appears.

The following brethren received the third degree during 1848: E. D. Sweet, Jan. 14; T. S. Brockman, Feb. 11; J. C. (or O.) Hedingburg, Feb. 16; B. Bruce, April 7; Levin Marshal, April 14; A. L. Sweet, May 12; Jas. Kendrick, July 15; James Bell, Aug. 11; John M. Adams, Dec. 11.

Dec. 8, 1848, the following officers were elected: John S. Baily, W. M.; B. D. Stout, S. W.; Geo. M. Pickett, J. W.; John Bigler, Treas.; James Brockman, Sec.; E. D. and A. L. Sweet, Deacons; Levin Marshal, Tyler.

Bro. Glenn has kindly furnished us with the following information:

"George Adams, first W. M., died on his way to California in 1849 or 1850; John Bigler, first S. W., went to California, became Governor, beating Waldo, the Whig candidate, and afterwards was Senator in Congress, Minister to Chili, etc.; I don't know what became of Thos. J. Starr; John S. Baily was afterwards State's Attorney, Judge of 5th Judicial Circuit, and is now a prominent attorney in Macomb, Illinois; James S. Irwin is now a leading attorney at Pittsfield, Pike county, Ill.; S. H. B. Clarkson was a leading physician of Brown county, and has been dead many years; Dr. John Crim is still living, I think in Adams county, Ill."

GRIGGSVILLE LODGE NO. 45.

Raised: B. B. Winters, J. R. Stanford, James Parker, A. R. Howser, Thos. B. Morrison, Noah H. Cadwell, Elijah Stagg, George Lytle, A. H. Morrison.

The officers for 1848 were: Timothy Fessenden, W. M.; Joshua Ward, S. W.; Amos Hill, J. W.; J. D. Battles, Treas.; C. Regan, Sec.; Thomas Plumb and Jonathan Frye, Deacons; Ebenezer May and Daniel Fisher, Stewards; Wm. B. Scholl, Tyler.

TEMPLE LODGE NO. 46.

Raisings during 1848 as follows: George M. Leach, Jan. 26; Leonard K. Flunders, Feb. 9; William L. Evans, no date; William C. Innett and James L. Fash, April 28; William Van Nelson, May 31; John T. Lindsay and N. S. Tucker, June 10; John Bell, June 23; Thomas P. Ashe, June 24; Brice Hays, July 26; Jason B. Streepy, Sept. 27; Joab W. Moffitt, Oct. 19; Andrew Stevenson, Nov. 9. Bro. T. J. Wade was present and presided at the meeting of June 7. Bro. J. W. S. Mitchell, P. G. M. of Missouri, was present at the meeting of June 28.

Aug. 9, Bro. N. S. Tucker was elected Secretary to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Bro. F. J. Briggs. Bro. Tucker has held the office ever since, and is still Secretary of No. 46; having served the Lodge for twenty-one years.

Nov. 29, Bro. J. R. Crandall was elected W. M., he receiving 12 votes, Bro. Heyl 6, and Bro. Metcalf 1. Bro. J. P. Dennis was elected S. W., the vote being Dennis 10, Taber 7, Heyl 1, and Stebbins 1. Bro. Taber was elected J. W. on the first ballot, receiving 12 votes to 6 scattering, but having declined, a second ballot was had, when Lindsay

received 7 votes, Van Nelson 1, Stebbins 5, Evans 1, Heyl 3, Stevenson 1, Rice 1. The third ballot resulted in the choice of Bro. John T. Lindsay, he receiving 11 votes. Bro. Jacob Littleton was elected Treasurer, receiving 16 votes. Bro. Tucker was elected Secretary without opposition. Breth. Innet and Fash were elected Stewards, and Wm. Widenham, Tyler. Breth. VanNelson and Evans were appointed Deacons.

CALEDONIA LODGE NO. 47.

Raised: Samuel Copeland, Isaac W. Fink, Henry H. Burnley, A. J. Kuykendall, R. H. Warner, J. B. Harris, G. B. Massey, Hiram Boren, John W. Rigby, John L. Barber, David Beaty, A. Youngblood, and J. Y. Clemens.

The officers for 1848 were George Hawpe, W. M.; James S. Smith, S. W.; John Dougherty, J. W.; Joseph Street, Treas.; James B. Davidge, Sec.; J. B. Mabry and H. D. Riddle, Deacons; John W. Rigby, Tyler

UNITY LODGE NO. 48.

This Lodge made no returns to the Grand Lodge in 1848, consequently we are unable to afford any information concerning it.

CAMBRIDGE LODGE NO. 49.

Raised: Michael Grant, Jas. M. Gilmore, Jas. G. Blithe, Joshua H. Hatch, Morgan Ferguson, Amos F. Cutter, William Pettifer, Lewis M. Webber, E. R. Beam, S. N. Birge, Jas. Vaughn, F. B. Gilmore, Robt. Graham, Alex. C. Layne, Henry Safford, Jas. W. Brackett, Wm. Vandever, P. H. Jeffers, Wm. G. Cawthorn, H. R. Lewis, Spalding Cady.

The officers for 1848 were Stephen Cady, W. M.; Roderick R. Stewart, S. W.; W. B. Smith, J. W.; Michael Grant, Treas.; R. D. Foster, Sec.; Quincy McNeil, S. D.; Daniel C. McNeil, J. D.; Spalding Cady, Tyler.

CARROLLTON LODGE NO. 50.

The raisings by this Lodge in 1848, were: P. L. Bostic, J. D. Fry, H. Keach, and T. W. Vigus. The officers were J. B. Samuel, W. M.; E. A. Darcey, S. W.; D. M. Woodson, J. W.; D. B. Stith, Treas.; H. Dusenbury, Sec.; L. W. Link, S. D.; G. B. Mason, J. D.; J. C. Winters, Tyler.

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE NO. 51.

One brother was raised by this Lodge during 1848, viz.: O. G. Moulton. The officers were Ira Millard, W. M.; Ira Boone, S. W.; Jeremiah Hart, J. W.; John J. Hillis, Treas.; Joseph H. Rolston, Sec.; M. J. Blockburger,

S. D.; M'Kenzie Turner, J. D.; Josiah C. M'Henry and Wm. Shawn, Stewards; Jacob Lingofelter, Tyler.

BENEVOLENT LODGE NO. 52.

We are unable to give the names of the brethren raised by this Lodge during 1848, for the reason that they do not appear in the return to the Grand Lodge, *as published*. The printer appended the following note to the return :

"~~As~~ Few probably of the above names are correct, the handwriting being unintelligible. In the 'work' of the return, there are 19 initiations, 16 passings, and 15 raisings, making 50 names, all of which are omitted, for the reason spoken of, to save further mutilation.—Printer."

The officers were: W. J. Wackerle, W. M.; Seth Wetherbe, S. W.; Daniel Waldo, J. W.; Edward Naylor, Treas.; Edward Lusk, Sec.; S. S. Winegar, S. D.; John W. Trour, J. D.; David Pangburn, Tyler.

JACKSON LODGE NO. 53.

Raisings as follows: John S. Gordon, B. Durkee, Harvey Lee, John T. Trimble, W. H. H. Hopkins, Letton Smith. The officers were Edward Eavy, W. M.; W. D. Gage, S. W.; M. R. Chew, J. W.; Wm. Headen, Treas.; John S. Gordon, Sec.; John T. Tremble, S. D.; B. Durkee, J. D.; W. H. H. Hopkins, Tyler.

RECLAMATION LODGE NO. 54.

Raised.—V. E. Remmington, J. J. Piggott, Albert Stowe, Alex. Bartier, John T. Wilber, Clark Wensor.

The officers were Daniel W. Pressell, W. M.; Alexander Sympson, S. W.; Geo. W. Mosely, J. W.; J. J. Piggott, Treas.; Silas G. Strong, Sec.; J. M. Cozad, and Alexander LeCroix, Deacons; Michael Degier, Tyler.

WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 55.

This Lodge raised seventeen brethren, as follows: Geo. T. Hoke, John Weightman, Thomas H. Callaway, Darius Greenup, John D. Wood, John C. Baker, Harvey Nevill, Samuel M. Carter, Elzey G. Coffey, Nahum W. Allen, Geo. W. Hotchkiss, Lewis N. Farmer, Wm. A. Lamb, Jona J. Swanwick, Robert Cook, Stephen Green, Livesay Carter. The officers were John G. Baker, W. M.; Thos. S. Roe, S. W.; Gabriel S. Jones, J. W.; Alexander D. Hay, Treas.; Darius Greenup, Sec. (who has held the office to the present time); John Weightman and George T. Hoke, Deacons.

PITTSFIELD LODGE NO. 56.

The officers of this Lodge for 1848 were: Michael J. Noyes, W. M.; R. W. Scanland, S. W.; James F. Hyde, J. W.; James Ward, Treas.; James M. Seeley, Sec.; Brown Comstock and Chancey L. Higbee, Deacons; Wesley J. Alkire, Tyler. No work was done during 1848.

TRIO LODGE NO. 57.

Raised.—James Dickson, Joseph M. Plumb, and C. C. Webber.

Officers.—P. A. Whittaker, W. M.; William Faris, S. W.; Joshua H. Hatch, J. W.; H. Safford, Chap.; Benj. F. Barrett, Treas.; Samuel N. Birge, Sec.; James G. Blythe and Robert Graham, Deacons; Wm. Van-dever and J. Vaughn, Stewards; Wm. Pettifer, Tyler.

FRATERNAL LODGE NO. 58.

Officers.—Peter K. Hull, W. M.; William LaFarge, S. W.; Robert Carlyle, J. W.; John P. Tenbrook, Treas.; Wm. Marquiss, Sec.; James S. Patterson, and J. C. Johnson, Deacons; Samuel Bender, Tyler. Ten brethren were initiated and four passed, but no work was done on the third degree.

NEW BOSTON LODGE NO. 59.

The brethren raised by this Lodge, during 1848, were: E. D. Morgan, Luke Webb, Mikel Puffinbarger, John Frailey, James Gibson, E. S. Denison. The officers were L. O. Allen, W. M.; Joseph Alexander, S. W.; John Allen, J. W.; E. D. Morgan, Treas.; Daniel Winslow, Sec.; Luke Webb and John Frailey, Deacons; Mikel Puffinbarger, Tyler.

BELVIDERE LODGE NO. 60.

Officers.—Alfred E. Ames, W. M.; Amos Witter, S. W.; Nijah Hotchkiss, J. W.; Asa Williams, Treas.; Joel Florida, Sec.; N. W. Birge and Daniel Howell, Deacons; Hezekiah Ripley and John Curtis, Stewards; James Johnson, Tyler.

Raised.—Daniel Howell, John W. Green, Isaac Benson, N. W. Birge Joel Florida, David Hammers, Lester H. Magher.

LACON LODGE NO. 61.

Raised.—Silas Ramsey, John S. Pride, George Dysart, John H. Mason.

Officers.—William Fenn, W. M.; Abner Shinn, S. W.; Addison Ramsey, J. W.; John S. Pride, Treas.; Silas Ramsey, Sec.; John W. Baxley and George Dysart, Deacons; William White, Tyler.

JERUSALEM LODGE NO. 62.

Officers.—William Little, W. M.; Dan. Higley, S. W.; Samuel McFarland, J. W.; C. Burr Artz, Treas. and Sec.; Hiram Cutts and John B. Cheney, Deacons; Emanuel Morrison, Tyler.

This Lodge initiated eleven, and passed seven, but did no work on the third degree.

ST. MARK'S LODGE NO. 63.

Raised.—Derick C. Bush, Edward S. Peckham, Andrew J. Hayward, Henry M. Wait, Elzaphan I. Smith, E. E. Wightman, Alex. S. Lansing, James R. Mick.

Officers.—John F. Gray, W. M.; Luke Coon, S. W.; Calvin Serl, J. W.; E. I. Smith, Treas.; D. C. Bush, Sec.; Jonathan Bliss and George W. Dana, Deacons; Cornelius Lansing and Nicholas Lansing, Stewards; Edward S. Peckham, Tyler.

BENTON LODGE NO. 64.

This Lodge did no work during the year 1848. The officers were Samuel K. Casey, W. M.; Geo. W. Akin, S. W.; Walter S. Akin, J. W.; Isaac Mulkey, Chaplain; T. B. Cantrell, Treas.; R. E. Yost, Sec.; Isaac Mulkey, S. D.; Wm. S. Crawford, Tyler.

CHAPTER XXIII.

1849.

GRAND LODGE.

Soon after the close of the Grand Lodge for the year 1849, the records, books, papers, &c., which had been transferred to the keeping of Bro. Thos. J. Pickett, who had been appointed Grand Secretary, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. William Mitchell, were destroyed by fire, and with them the minutes of the communication of the Grand Lodge. Grand Master Hobbs called an extra session of the Grand Lodge, to meet at Springfield, on Monday, April 8, 1850, to restore, as far as practicable, the records.

That session has ever since been denominated "The Grand Looodge of Recovery," and the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1849 will be presented with the proceedings of that communication.

BODLEY LODGE NO. 1.

The following were raised during 1849: Louis Warner, March 5; Eli Seehorn, April 5; Joseph Campbell, Nov. 26.

Feb. 27, Breth. Luce, Ralston, and Dills were appointed a committee to confer with Herman Lodge and "the Chapter" relative to the propriety of purchasing a lot and "erecting a building for Lodge uses." March 19, the Committee on Library, appointed at a previous meeting, reported, recommending the purchase of "Oliver's Historical Landmarks," and "Preston's Illustrations," which books the Lodge authorized the committee to purchase "when said books can be found." April 16, a resolution to dispense with martial music at funerals was "rejected," and a resolution to celebrate St. John's Day was also lost. May 11, a committee of conference with "the Chapter" and Herman Lodge, regarding celebration of 24th June, was appointed. May 28, the Lodge subscribed for ten shares of stock "for the erecting of a Masonic

Hall." July 16, the Lodge passed appropriate resolutions in regard to the death of Samuel H. Davis, and ordered them forwarded to the *Masonic Review* for publication. July 23.—At this meeting we find recorded resolutions commemorative of the virtues of Breth. Chapin Allen, who died on the 17th, and Enoch Conyers, who died on the 21st July. The record informs us that these brethren were buried on the 18th and 22d July respectively. After passing resolutions of sorrow, regret, and sympathy, the following "Letter of Condolence" was sent to the widows of the departed brethren, accompanied with the resolutions :

"Respected Madame, and Friends :

"Bodley Lodge No. 1, of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, in the beneficent spirit of the bond of their mystic Order, has charged the undersigned committee with the responsibilities disclosed in the accompanying resolutions, which we had the honor to report, and the Lodge unanimously to adopt. The subject and occasion of this preamble and these resolutions render the duty of commiseration and condolence, with which we are charged, almost mournfully pleasant. It is ever a sorrowful spectacle which the winding sheet, the pall, the hearse, and the grave present; when the great and good have fallen; when the fathers are garnered up to their final rest, and the mourners go about the streets.

"But although it is a mournful scene, we are not called upon to mourn as those who have no hope. It is pleasant to contemplate the profound peace, the sacred calmness, the awakening slumber, of those who, putting their trust in God, confidently commit their bodies to the grave, in the hope of a blissful immortality. And it is indeed sorrowful, yet pleasant, in the midst of earth's desolations and death scenes, when the beloved and bereaved objects of the deceased, while in life the subject of 'every care and each fond caress,' stand around his narrow house, encircled by the attendant brotherhood whose hearts and hands attest the sincerity of their sorrow and sympathy, to hear the impressive orison for the lamented dead, as united they send up the thrice concentrated sympathies of the hearts of the mystic Order, 'our brother is dead; his spirit is gone to God above; his body we consign to the silent grave.'

"To the bereaved companions of our respective worthy brothers, we can only add to the expression of our sympathy the promise of cheerful aid. He who has promised to be a husband to the widow, and a father to the fatherless, who is our elder brother, and a friend that sticketh closer than a brother, will not forsake you in this your time of need. The orphan heart may well say, 'Though my father leave me, and my mother forsake me, God has kindly taken me up.' It is the pride and purpose, as it is the promise, of our ancient Order, to protect and provide for the widow and orphan, and thus verify the words of wisdom, 'I have been young, but now am old, yet have I never seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.'

"We feel assured that the unselfish soul rises above the contracted scenes and centre of earthly suffering and sorrowing, and may find some solace in the reflection, that if to the departed,

"'This life was but a torrid day,
Scorched by the wind and sun,
And death is the calm, cool night,
When the weary day is done,'

“Our loss is their infinite gain.’ God’s will, not ours, be done. In the impressive language of our ancient rites and ritual, ‘May we be so imbued with the spirit of all grace, that with one heart and voice we may in conclusion join,’ ‘So mote it be.’

Fraternally yours,

“SAM’L HUTTON,
SAM’L HOLMES,
C. A. WARREN. } Committee.”

Sept. 17, the Lodge directed its delegate to the Grand Lodge to use his influence in having Bro. James H. Luce appointed Dist. Dep. Grand Master, provided the new constitution (which had been approved by Bodley Lodge), should be adopted. Oct. 29, a resolution to purchase a set of “gold or silver jewels” at an expense not exceeding one hundred dollars, was lost. Dec. 26, the following officers were elected: Louis Watson, W. M.; Warren A. Reed, S. W.; Thomas E. Durant, J. W.; Samuel Hutton, Secretary; Q. S. Barton, Treasurer.

EQUALITY LODGE NO. 2.

No work, beyond one initiation, was done during 1849.

June 24, the following officers were elected *viva voce*: John Howard, W. M.; E. Holeman, S. W.; J. M. Burnett, J. W.; William Siddall, Treas.; W. H. Crawford, Sec.; J. E. Watkins, S. D.; Joshua Bradley, J. D.; S. S. Scudder, Tyler. On the 27th December another election was held, when Bro. Siddall surrendered control of the keys to grasp the gavel; John L. Campbell was elected S. W.; Bro. Holeman was removed from the west, and became the Pillar of Beauty; Bro. John Howard exchanged places with Bro. Siddall, surrendering the gavel and receiving the keys; while Bro. Crawford still continued his labors as Secretary; Breth. Watkins and Burnett were elected Deacons; J. D. Cummings, Tyler.

HARMONY LODGE NO. 3.

The following brethren were raised by No. 3 during 1849: W. K. Lindsay, March 13; E. W. Roberts, March 16; W. F. Boyakin, March 20; Peter T. Cassell, March 23; R. T. McGowen, June 15; William McEvers, Aug. 9; John Scott, Sept. 24.

June 4, Bro. Boyakin was requested to deliver (in the lodge-room) a sermon from Romans, first and twentieth verses.

Aug. 20, the Lodge buried the remains of Bro. George Craig.

Sept. 3, on motion of Bro. E. R. Roe, formerly of No. 14, but who had affiliated with No. 3 during 1849, the delegate to the Grand Lodge was directed to “vote that the new Grand Lodge in the State of New York are a clandestine body, if the facts turn out as they are now reported.”

The officers elected at the December meeting were as follows: Wm. C. Swett, W. M.; W. S. Hurst, S. W.; N. English, J. W.; A. C. Dickson, Sec.; Wm. N. Ross, Treas.; W. W. Happy and Cyrus Epler, Deacons; Jno. S. Roberts, Tyler.

SPRINGFIELD LODGE NO. 4.

The raisings by this Lodge for the year 1849 were fifteen in number, as follows: G. B. Goudy, Jan. 3; J. C. Henkle, Jan. 29; C. L. Camp and D. M. VanDeren, Feb. 5; William Pickering, Feb. 9; Eri C. Dorwin, March 26; E. M. Henkle, April 7; William Carpenter and — Talbot, May 26; Benj. Talbot and H. J. Grimsley, July 7; Peter Babeuf, Sept. 8; James F. Vaughn and Shelton Ransdell, Sept. 22; John Davis, Oct. 29.

March 5, the petition of W. A. Dickey, "and others," for a new Lodge in Springfield, to be called "Central," was duly recommended.

April 15, the Lodge buried the remains of Bro. Francis Asbury, "a stranger within her gates, who died on Wolf Creek, in Sangamon Co., on the 4th inst. His remains were followed to the grave and buried with Masonic honors, in ample form, M. W. G. Master Lively presiding." The record informs us that Bro. Asbury was from London, Madison county, Ohio.

At the meeting of 26th May, a committee was appointed to prepare resolutions in relation to the the death of Brethren S. R. Baker and James Leggott. The committee made no report, as far as indicated by the record, neither is there any evidence of the burial, by the Lodge, of these brethren.

July 30, a petition for a new Lodge at Carlinville was recommended.

Dec. 11, the Lodge buried the remains of Bro. Henry C. Remann, late of Temperance Lodge No. 16.

Dec. 27, the following officers were elected: J. W. Keyes, W. M.; Mason Brayman, S. W.; Grover Ayres, J. W.; J. Adams, Sec.; William Lively, Treas.; Balsar Hiki, Tyler. At the meeting of Dec. 29, Breth. J. H. Matheny and Dudley Wickersham were appointed Deacons.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 7.

Raisings during 1849 as follows: William Stadden, March 9; Francis Pickle, March 17; John D. Eustace, July 12; Walton Klinton, July 19; Edwin Klinton, Nov. 2; E. Wheeler Branch, Nov. 13.

At a meeting held Feb. 1st, 1849, the Lodge decided that upon trial of any brother, upon charges preferred against him, the testimony of persons not Masons could *not* be admitted.

May 31, Bro. R. B. Loveland was elected W. M.; H. Preston, S. W.; C. T. Chase, J. W.; Lorenzo Wood, Treas.; A. N. Tuttle, Sec.; L. Wynkoop, S. D.; James Campbell, J. D.; D. B. McKenny, Tyler.

MACON LODGE NO. 8.

The following named brethren received the third degree in No. 8, during 1849: W. C. Hill, April 7; E. Richards, April 21; J. P. Mitchell, May 29; David Robinson, July 2; John Sawyer, July 28; John Carter,

Aug. 11; B. F. M. Packard, Aug. 26; John Ricketts, Aug. 29; Henry Lehman, Oct. 23; Luther Hill, Nov. 24; J. W. Bates and Ambrose Hall, Dec. 28. At the meeting of Jan. 6, Breth. C. H. Pringle and W. J. Condell were appointed Deacons. The Committee on Finance reported \$83.22 in the Treasury. Breth. King, Prather, and W. W. Oglesby were appointed a committee "on the sick." Bro. Dickey was present at the meeting of July 3, and lectured the Lodge on the three degrees. At the meeting of Sept. 12 it was resolved to collect for the educational fund "fifty cents from each member of this Lodge, and one dollar from each Mason in this vicinity *not a member*, and inform the Grand Lodge the money is ready *whenever they adopt a plan for the use of the same*." The Lodge refused to send a delegate to the Grand Lodge.

Nov. 24, a petition for a new Lodge at Mount Pulaski was recommended. At this meeting the following officers were elected; H. J. Armstrong, W. M.; Wm. F. Stamper, S. W.; William J. Condell, J. W.; Joseph King, Treas.; E. J. Rice, Sec.; D. P. Bunn, Chap.; David Ralls, Tyler.

RUSHVILLE LODGE NO. 9.

The raisings reported by this Lodge, in its return to the Grand Lodge for 1849, are as follows: Samuel Boring, William McMurphy, Nathan Moore, Charles L. Wolf, William Easley, William Loudon, E. J. Brickley, Jesse J. Darnell, Alex. Montgomery, Isaac S. W. Wright, Samuel Leonard, Newton DeWitt, William Ellis, E. W. C. Allen, Joseph Allen, and R. Lost.

The officers were John C. Bagby, W. M.; Samuel McCreary, S. W.; Hart Fellows, J. W.; John B. Seeley, Treas.; Nathan Moore, Sec.; Samuel Leonard and Isaac S. W. Wright, Deacons; David Martin, Tyler.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 13.

The return of this Lodge for 1849 shows that Breth. Robert Adams, Peter Bowers, William Lyman, George Turpening, Philip K. Behrend, Adam Johnson, and Erasmus Winslow, were raised during that year.

The following deaths were also reported: H. W. Baker, William J. Cox, Henry L. Owens, D. M. Richardson, Herman Whitehead, Dwight M. Baker, and John Pentland.

The officers were George W. Gilson, W. M.; David Perry, S. W.; John Morris, J. W.; Warren Brown, Sec.; William Paul, Treas.; P. M. Kilduff and H. W. Baker, Deacons; Robert Adams and J. D. Cawnow, Stewards; Jason H. Sedgwick, Tyler.

WARREN LODGE NO. 14.

The following named brethren received the third degree in this Lodge during 1849: James Grundon, March 28; J. S. Rearden, June 16; Andrew McCallin, Oct. 13; H. F. Delany, Oct. 18.

June 9, the petition of Bro. — McCook, for a new Lodge at Elizabethtown, was recommended.

Sept. 15, the delegate to the Grand Lodge was directed to "resist all propositions for the establishment of a central system of education, and favor all projects for placing the education fund under the administration of the respective subordinate Lodges." Bro. H. G. Reynolds appears as a visitor at this meeting.

Nov. 3, the Lodge resolved that its members wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, as a token of respect for the memory of William Mitchell, Grand Secretary, deceased.

Nov. 23, a brother was tried on charges brought against him and "indefinitely expelled."

Dec. 27, the following officers were elected: J. E. Rearden, W. M.; Aaron R. Stout, S. W.; John T. Knox, J. W.; Andrew McAllin, Treas.; J. S. Rearden, Sec.; Wm. A. Redman and H. H. M Butt, Deacons.

PEORIA LODGE NO. 15.

Three brethren were raised during 1849, viz.: Washington Corrington, April 7; E. F. Nowland, May 5; J. W. Hitchcock, Dec. 22.

Sept. 21, the delegate to the Grand Lodge was instructed to vote "against having anything to do with the Macomb College."

Dec. 29, the following officers were elected: Thos. J. Pickett, W. M.; C. R. Hall, S. W.; Thomas Wren, J. W.; Peter Sweat, Treas.; Theodore A. Walker, Sec.; William Widenham, Tyler.

TEMPERANCE LODGE No. 16.

We take the following from the address of Grand Master Lively to the Grand Lodge, at its session of 1849, in regard to this Lodge:

"On the 22d September, the charter, books, and working tools of Temperance Lodge No 16, were surrendered to me by Bro. W. M. Black, late Master thereof, with the following letter from him:

"VANDALIA, ILL., September 12, 1849.

"Dear Sir and Brother:—As Master of Temperance Lodge No. 16, one year ago, I asked in behalf of said Lodge, permission from the Grand Lodge to suspend work for one year, which request the Grand Lodge kindly granted. At that time, myself and other brethren here, thought that we would be able to resume work ere this; but I regret to say that such is not the case; owing to the untimely death of two of the brethren, viz.; Bros. W. F. Edmonson and James M. Scott; and in the absence of the secretary (who has removed to Ohio), I herewith transmit to you the charter, books, jewels, and working tools of said Lodge, which you will please return to the Grand Secretary or lay the same before the Grand Lodge.

“In behalf of the brethren of said Lodge, and for myself, I return to you, and through you to the Grand Lodge, our sincere and heartfelt thanks for their forbearance and kind attention to our wishes as expressed at their last Grand Communication. The brethren here, including myself, would be pleased to have such action in regard to the relinquishment of our jewels and working tools (which are of some value) to the Grand Lodge, so that in the event of our being able to again reorganize our Lodge within a few years, we may reclaim them.

“Yours fraternally,

“W. M. BLACK.

“Late Master Temperance Lodge No. 16.

“To M. W. WILLIAM LAVELY, G. L. Ills.”

“The charters, books, and jewels have been delivered to the R. W. Grand Secretary. The working tools being rather cumbersome, I could not conveniently bring them up. They are deposited with Springfield Lodge No. 4.”

MACOMB LODGE NO. 17.

Raised.—Theodore McLaughlin, June 25.

Feb. 2, the Finance Committee reported the balance in the treasury to be \$155.41.

June 25, the following election took place; James B. Kyle, W. M.; J. L. N. Hall, S. W.; H. Ervin, J. W.; Wm. Ervin, Treas.; Wm. S. Hail, Sec.; C. W. Wyne, Tyler.

July 4, the Lodge “formed a procession, and marched to the Presbyterian Church to hear Bro. R. Harris deliver a discourse on the subject of education.

Aug. 3, Bro. Harris was appointed as one of the professors of the college, the right to make this appointment being one of the conditions upon which the college was donated to the “Presbytery of Schuyler county.”

LAFAYETTE LODGE NO. 18.

From the return of this Lodge to the Grand Lodge for 1849, we learn, that Brethren U. S. Dodge, L. Barber, M. Greenebaum, William Reynolds, G. G. Golmar, L. A. Doolittle, A. B. Kellogg, H. K. Taylor, E. T. VanAlstine, J. H. Waterman, and Peter H. Bigelow, were raised during that year, and that the officers were Carding Jackson, W. M.; J. C. Miller, S. W.; Phillip Newburg, J. W.; H. W. Bigelow, Treas.; I. P. Hatfield, Sec.; Jacob Gauch, Jr., and William A. Begole, Deacons; Heman Hatch and J. G. Howe, Stewards; Nathan Christy, Tyler.

The following deaths were reported: Augustus Garrett, William N. Carpenter, Henry Brown, N. W. Watson.

CLINTON LODGE NO. 19.

According to the return of this Lodge to the Grand Lodge for 1849, fifteen brethren were raised during that year, viz.: W. Snyder, J. T. Jenkins, S. S. Hussey, W. Richards, J. G. Long, J. G. Rogers, A. J.

Brooks, E. Steiner, Aaron Wheeler, B. J. Peaceall, W. B. Goodpasture, W. H. McMurphy, J. G. Green, D. A. Brown, G. O. Washburn.

The officers for the same year were Thomas L. Harris, W. M.; C. G. Brooks, S. W.; A. D. Wright, J. W.; Thomas Peake, Treas.; John Bennet, Sec.; Samuel Smith and A. J. Brooks, Deacons; A. B. White, Tyler. Bro. S. T. Perrines is reported to have died.

HANCOCK LODGE NO. 20.

Charter surrendered.

WARSAW LODGE NO. 21.

Charter surrendered.

CASS LODGE NO. 23.

Raised.—John A. Rhineberger, H. H. Hall, C. H. C. Hafeeluft.

Died.—Ezro J. Dutch.

Officers.—R. F. Kippenburg, W. M.; John B. Taylor, S. W.; John W. Seaman, J. W.; John McConnell, Chaplain, Thos. Eyre, Treas.; William Chapman, Sec.; G. S. Taylor and Thomas J. Burns, Deacons; James McClure, Tyler.

ST. CLAIR LODGE NO. 24.

One brother was raised by this Lodge during 1849, viz.: Thompson Williams, Dec. 28.

May 19, Bro. Taylor resigned as Secretary, and was demitted, Bro. C. Coghlan being elected to take his place. But six meetings were held by the Lodge during this year, January 6th, May 19th, Nov. 8th, Dec. 12th, at which meeting the following officers were elected: Julius Raith, W. M.; L. D. Cabane, S. W.; John Mace, J. W.; — Healy, Treasurer; J. C. Foster, Secretary; C. G. Y. Taylor and David Miley, Deacons; David Wilber, Tyler. Brother Taylor never having received the demit voted him May 19, was permitted to withdraw his application therefor; the other two meetings were December 28 and 29.

FRANKLIN LODGE NO. 25.

Officers.—Daniel M. Kittenger, W. M.; John S. Fisher, S. W.; George R. Stocker, J. W.; George Lebold, Treasurer; Eliakim Thorp, Secretary; John B. Smith and John C. Griffith, Deacons; Thomas Starks, Steward; Horace G. Hibbard, Tyler.

Raised.—Woodward J. Moody, David Settlemeiers, Daniel Steward, R. H. Kimball, D. M. Highfill, E. M. Hazard, E. Dodge, Horace G. Hibbard, Lewis W. Moor, Jacob Judy, Stanton Hazard, William Elwell, M. A. Low, Thomas W. Jones.

Died.—Jacob Rader.

HIRAM LODGE NO. 26.

The following raisings were had by No. 26 during 1849: Adam Rapp, Feb. 1; Alexander Ewing and Robert C. Price, Feb. 21; James E. Hale and L. Dow Montgomery, Feb. 24; Thos. Tate, March 8; Oren Clark, March 24; ——— Tilesen, July 25; James Brown, ———; Benjamin Maysey, Dec. 3.

Jan. 4, the following officers were elected: William McMurtry, W. M.; J. M. Witt, S. W.; James Price, J. W.; E. S. Cooper, Treasurer; L. C. Lane, Secretary; R. L. Hannaman, Ass't Sec.; Thomas Tate, Tyler.

March 8, Breth. N. D. Morse, James E. Hale, Robert C. Price, L. D. Montgomery, Alexander Ewing, Francis Gilman, and William Easley were recommended to the Grand Master for a dispensation for a "traveling Lodge to the Territory of California, to be called the Pacific Lodge." April 14, a petition for a new Lodge at Knoxville was recommended.

PIASA LODGE NO. 27.

Raised during 1849 as follows: C. Skillman, Jan. 8; A. B. Platt, April 24; A. W. Nason, June 9; Thomas J. Shields, June 21; James Moore and James Pomeroy, Sept. 4; J. J. Richmond, Sept. 14; J. N. Bailhache, Dec. 18.

Jan. 2, Bro. Schweppe offered the following amendment to the by-laws: .

"And if one black ball shall be found, the ballot box shall pass round again, to ascertain if the black ball was not put in through mistake, and if found again, the W. Master shall call upon the brother voting the black ball to state his objection to the candidate, and if they are of a personal nature and through personal pique, the Lodge shall have power to waive them."

Jan. 8, this amendment was adopted.

Feb. 6, the vote adopting the amendment was reconsidered and the matter ordered to "lay over." At this meeting a committee was appointed to investigate certain charges preferred against the Lodge to the Grand Master, "for charging a fee for conferring side degrees."

March 6, Bro. Schweppe's amendment to the by-laws was taken up and referred to Breth. Bailhache, McMasters, and Ketcham. May 1, the brother who preferred charges against the Lodge for the reason heretofore mentioned, stated that he had been laboring under a misapprehension, and withdrew the charges. Nov. 23, we find that a committee was appointed to prepare an "obituary notice" of the death of Bro. James Pomeroy, which is the only notice on record of that brother's decease.

Dec. 18, the following officers were elected: B. C. Snyder, W. M.; Thomas Brown, S. W.; B. F. Sargeant, J. W.; L. S. Metcalfe, Treasurer; John N. Bailhache, Secretary; C. Carpenter, Tyler.

MONROE LODGE NO. 28.

The raisings by this Lodge during 1849, were: W. E. Clark and Calvin Johnson, April 7; Charles Howard, July 28.

But five meetings were held by the Lodge during the year.

PEKIN LODGE NO. 29.

The following raisings were made by this Lodge during 1849, viz.: Garratt Lawrence, March 6; R. H. Hardy, March 17; Benj. Buck and R. W. Briggs, March 31; John Lehnert, Nov. 8.

April 3, the Lodge buried the remains of Bro. E. S. Marsh. At the meeting of June 2, Bro. B. S. Prettyman was elected W. M.; M. Tackaberry, S. W.; Bernard Bailey, J. W.; Abraham Woolston, Treasurer; Benj. Buck, Secretary; William Snyder, Tyler.

At the meeting of Dec. 1, eighteen brethren were fined twenty-five cents each, for non-attendance.

MORNING STAR LODGE NO. 30.

This Lodge was organized Dec. 14, 1843. At this, the first meeting of the Lodge, the following named brethren were present: Aaron Kinney, W. M.; Samuel Gould, S. W.; Hervey Smith, J. W.; G. H. Hickman, Samuel Christy, John Budd, Joshua Brace, who are recorded as hailing from "Farmington Lodge." Of this Lodge (Farmington) we can obtain no information beyond the fact that it was at a later day merged in No. 30. The following visiting brethren from Peoria Lodge No. 15, were present: Samuel H. Davis, Augustus O. Garrett, Andrew M. Hunt, Nathan Stephens. The W. M., S. and J. W. were duly installed, and Bro. Samuel Christy passed and raised.

Dec. 27, Breth. J. Budd was appointed Secretary, G. H. Hickman and S. Christy, Deacons.

Oct. 22, 1844, we find the following resolution:

"On motion of G. H. Hickman, it was unanimously

"*Resolved*, That if it meet the approbation of the Grand Lodge, that this Lodge do hereafter hold its meetings at Canton, Ill."

The meetings of the Lodge up to this time had been held at Farmington. Nov. 19, the first meeting of the Lodge at Canton was held. At this meeting Hugh Lamaster (made in Frontier Lodge about the year 1826), Daniel H. Dewey, David M. Smith, James Kykendall, Henry Clark, John Thatcher, Josiah Stillman, J. M. Bass, N. B. Childs, Adam Brewer, and John Williamson, late members of Farmington Lodge, were affiliated. We find in the record that "the Worshipful Master, Aaron Kinney, died Jan. 19, 1845, aged about 48 years."

Jan. 22, the remains of Bro. Kinney were buried, Bro. S. H. Davis acting as W. M.

Oct. 11, 1845, the charter was received and the Lodge constituted. The raisings during 1849 were as follows: William H. Winter and James B. Anderson, March 10; Jacob Grim and J. C. Williams, March 13; James W. Anderson, March 21; Welden R. Smilie, Oct. 2.

Sept. 18, the following officers were elected: Charles W. Rockhold, W. M.; Joseph Warders, S. W.; Jonathan Nies, J. W.; Henry Clark, Treas.; John W. Shinn, Sec.; B. F. Ruble, Tyler.

MOUNT VERNON LODGE NO. 31.

Three brethren were raised by No. 31, during 1849, viz.: Edmund B. Tunstall, Jan. 15; William Clampet, "first Monday in April;" William B. Harrison, June 22. The 24th June was duly celebrated, Bro. R. F. Wingate delivering an oration. Oct. 4, sixteen brethren were fined twenty-five cents each for non-attendance, and on the 5th November like fines were assessed against a like number.

Nov. 13, a petition for a new Lodge at Salem was recommended.

June 22, the following officers were elected: William W. Bennett, W. M.; Downing Baugh, S. W.; John H. McBride, J. W.; Daniel Baltzell, Treas.; Charles T. Pace, Sec.; Joseph R. Tyler, Tyler. The following were appointed: John H. Watson and George Mills, Deacons; A. B. Watson and John H. Pace, Stewards.

ORIENTAL LODGE NO. 33.

The following named brethren received the Master's degree in No. 33, during 1849: Josiah B. Herrick, Jan. 10; B. F. Crosby, Jan. 12; H. K. Davis, Jan. 27; Charles G. Osteer, March 2; Thomas Sherry, March 16; John W. Shoemaker, June 8; Julius Dyhrenfurth, Sept. 7. At the meeting of Sept. 7, the Lodge was informed of the death of Bro. Charles G. Osteer. Oct. 19, the Lodge being informed of the death of William Mitchell, Grand Secretary, passed appropriate resolutions. The following officers were elected Dec. 21: J. H. Bird, W. M.; L. P. Hillard, S. W.; Carlton Drake, J. W.; A. G. Burley, Treas.; Peter A. Lantze, Sec.; W. H. Adams and P. Ballingall, Deacons; J. V. Z. Blaney, C. R. Starkweather, and Geo. Davis, Stewards; J. Daly, Tyler.

The initiation of Peter A. Lantze is duly recorded, but there appears no record of his passing or raising.

BARRY LODGE NO. 34.

Officers.—David J. Wike, W. M.; John T. Grubb, S. W.; Wesley J. Alkire, J. W.; David Shields, Treas.; John Watson, Sec.; Jacob Myers, Jr., and Isaac Lewton, Deacons; Oliver H. Perry, Tyler.

Raised.—Isaac A. Holeman, O. H. Perry, Richard St. John, Alexander B. Liggett, Barton Alkire, Richard B. Head, James L. Terry.

Died.—Eli Longnecker.

CHARLESTON LODGE NO. 35.

The raisings by this Lodge for 1849, were as follows: James Kennedy, Feb. 6; D. H. Apperson, March 7; J. R. Jeffries, May 1; S. H. Goodwin, May 15; David McKee, Sept. 26; Joseph Buzan and Lewis B. Hutchason, Sept. 28; R. S. Mills and J. D. Gardner, Oct. 30; John M. Logan, Dec. 27.

On the 19th Feb. a petition for a new Lodge at Paris, was presented, but not being signed by a sufficient number, it was deferred to the 21st at which time it was duly recommended. It will be remembered that the petition which No. 35 presented to Macon Lodge was laid over for the same cause.

May 11, the Lodge was called together to make arrangements for the funeral of Bro. John Miller "who came to his death by the hands of an assassin."

June 25, the following officers were elected: A. H. Chapman, W. M.; U. F. Linder, S. W.; Wm. Horr, J. W.; J. R. Jeffries, Treas.; J. J. Brown, Sec.; A. G. Mitchell and J. F. Parcells, Deacons; A. P. Dunbar, Tyler.

KAVANAUGH LODGE NO. 36.

Three brethren received the third degree in this Lodge during 1849, viz.: Jackson C. Barnard, Feb. 28; Royal P. Daniels, Sept. 12; Benj. P. Miller, Dec. 19.

July 18, certain resolutions (which do not appear on record) were adopted in regard to the death of Bro. Hiram Curtis. No other mention is made of the death of this brother.

Sept. 12, The following officers were elected: A. S. Mitchell, W. M.; John Cadman, J. W.; John B. Green, J. W.; J. C. Barnard, Treas.; J. B. Goble, Sec.; Robert Barker and R. P. Daniels, Deacons; P. G. Ames, Chaplain; Patrick Gahan, Tyler.

MONMOUTH LODGE NO. 37.

The raisings by this Lodge for 1849 are as follows: William W. Lee, Feb. 8; John D. McLean and Marinus G. Smith, March 6; John D. Thompson, March 25; Jamison Leeper and Charles K. Smith, June 19; Henry D. Garrett, Aug. 8; Baily Ragan, Dec. 25.

June 26, the following officers were elected; George W. Palmer, W. M.; Thomas W. Payne, S. W.; Henry McAdams, J. W.; Charles K. Smith, Treas.; Daniel McNeil, Sec.; Henry McCartney and Benoni Merifield, Deacons; Daniel Markham, Tyler.

June 27, these officers were installed, and the usual Committees on Sick and Grievances were appointed. The "grateful acknowledgements" of the members of the Lodge were tendered to W. Bro. R. D. Hammond, "for his faithful services as Master of the Lodge, and the kind manner in which he has performed his duties." A deserved compliment, well bestowed.

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE NO. 38.

The officers for 1849 were William E. Russell, W. M.; L. R. Noel, S. W.; Wm. M. Payne, J. W.; John W. Myers, Treas.; Oliver L. Davis Sec.; J. W. Miller and James Sconce, Deacons; John B. Alexander and Squire L. Payne, Stewards; Thomas S. Morgan, Tyler.

The raisings were Thomas Wynn, Isaac S. Catton, Milton Davis.

HERMAN LODGE NO. 39.

Officers.—C. F. Ruoff, W. M.; John Steinagle, S. W.; John Renz, J. W.; Caspar Ruoff, Treas.; Robert Voeth, Sec.; Frederick Schmitt and Henry Grim, Deacons.

The following brethren were raised: John G. Kappas, Theodore Brinkwirth, G. P. Heberling, P. Heirs, H. G. Woebken, Wendelin Weber, Henry Grim, Jacob Miller, Fred. Koezle, Julius Schleich, Andrew Long.

OCCIDENTAL LODGE NO. 40.

Two brethren were raised by No. 40 during 1849, viz: Nelson Knickerbocker, April 2; John M. Quimby, Oct. 15.

Oct. 1, the following brethren were elected to the offices set opposite their names: William H. L. Wallace, W. M.; D. Walker, S. W.; F. Mandelbaum, J. W.; M. E. Hollister, Treas.; William Osman, Sec.; Geo. H. Norris and James Lafferty, Deacons; W. K. Brown, Tyler.

Dec. 24, the Lodge attended the funeral of Bro. J. B. Rich, who died "at sunrise this morning" (December 23).

FAR WEST LODGE NO. 41.

This Lodge made no returns to the Grand Lodge for 1849.

MT. JOLIET LODGE NO. 42.

The following named brethren received the third degree in No. 42 during 1849: Horace Moore, Feb. 3; John C. Hobbs, Feb. 8; Norman L. Hawley, Feb. 9; Horace E. Maynard and Lemuel D. Norton, Feb. 23; Geo. S. Fake and Lemuel W. Wade, March 8; William H. Eddy and Abijah Cagwin, May 17; Isaiah A. Gooding, May 31; Isaac T. Mills-paugh, William McClure, and James T. McDougal, June 14; Isaac Wolf, July 5.

Jan. 11, the Secretary (G. S. Crawford), Junior Warden (Wm. Smith), Tyler (Wm. E. Little), and Junior Deacon (James S. Waite), all resigned, and their resignations were accepted by the Lodge. Carding Jackson was present at the meeting of Feb. 8, and remained with the Lodge four days.

Feb. 15, the vacancies in the list of officers were filled by the election of the following: Thomas J. Wade, J. W.; William Smith, Sec.; Wm. Adams, J. D.; Robert J. Cunningham, Tyler.

BLOOMINGTON LODGE NO. 43.

The raisings by this Lodge, during 1849, were two in number, as follows: Goodman Ferre, Feb. 16; William P. Withers, April 10.

June 1, the following officers were elected: William C. Hobbs, W. M.; A. Withers, S. W.; S. B. Brown, J. W.; James Miller, Treas.; William P. Withers, Sec.; Elijah Depew, Tyler.

Aug. 3, the death of Bro. Wanton Parker was announced. Oct. 26, Bro. Hobbs, having been elected Grand Master, resigned, and the Lodge passed into the hands of the Senior Warden. Dec. 28, another election was had "for officers to serve for the ensuing six months," resulting as follows: E. Thomas, W. M.; M. C. Baker, S. W.; Goodman Ferre, J. W.; James Miller, Treas.; John Foster, Sec.; Eli N. Powell, Tyler. Breth. Charles E. Dodge and Lewis Bunn were appointed Deacons.

HARDIN LODGE NO. 44.

Seven brethren received the third degree at the hands of the brethren of this Lodge during 1849: James M. Phillips, Jan. 8; Horace A. Spencer and John McLaughlin, March 5; Richard P. Bruce, March 6; James H. Easley, March 7; James J. Crawford, May 4; Moses W. Davis, June 15.

January 6, Bro. Alexander C. Rainey, late a member of Hardin Lodge No. 87, Santa Fe, New Mexico, was affiliated, and on March 2d, John C. Moses, formerly a member of the same Lodge, was also admitted. June 15, the Lodge expressed as its opinion that it was expedient for the Lodge to co-operate with the Grand Lodge on the subject of education, and inexpedient to co-operate with Macomb Lodge in the matter of "Macomb College," for the reason that the college was committed to the care of a particular religion, and that they deemed it improper to attach a "Masonic institution to any denomination."

Nov. 23, the following officers were elected: James Brockman, W. M.; Angus McPhail, S. W.; John M. Adams, J. W.; Lewis Brockman, Treas.; A. L. Sweet, Sec.; James M. Kendrick and John C. Hedenburg, Deacons; John L. McKasson, Tyler.

Dec. 27, these officers were duly installed in public, an address being delivered by Bro. Bailly, for which, and his services as Master, the Lodge returned him their thanks.

GRIGGSVILLE LODGE NO. 45.

The officers of this Lodge for 1849, as we learn from their return to the Grand Lodge, were: Amos Hill, W. M.; Wm. B. Scholl, S. W.; C. Regan, J. W.; J. D. Battles, Treasurer; T. Plumb, Secretary; N. and F. Phillips, Deacons; James Parker, Steward; George Lytle, Tyler.

No work appears to have been done, as none is returned.

TEMPLE LODGE NO. 46.

The following brethren received the third degree in Temple Lodge in 1849: A. McHenry, Jan. 3; John Booth, Feb. 1; Thomas Bryant, Feb. 19; H. C. Phelps, Feb. 28; Aaron Meek, March 20; G. D. Hurlburt, March 26; J. P. Miller, April 11; O. H. Pierson and B. H. Banvard, April 17; T. C. Dodge, June 27; D. W. C. Farrell, July 14; Nicholas Boilvin, Aug. 1; David Rodecker, Sept. 12; John Findley, Sept. 18; Charles S. Clarke, Oct. 16; H. C. Meyer, Oct. 24; Sanford Moore and Andrew Thompson, Oct. 26; Samuel Smith and John B. Phillips, Dec. 19.

Feb. 21, Bro. J. R. Crandall resigned as Master, when the Lodge went into an election resulting in the choice of John C. Heyl, who was duly installed the same evening. At the meeting of 18th April, we find it recorded that "Bro. Prickett be requested to furnish a copy of the address delivered by him on the presentation of a jewel to Bro. Crandall." This is the only mention of such presentation.

June 4, the Lodge buried the remains of Bro. Brice Hays, who died of cholera on the day previous.

Nov. 28, the following officers were elected. John C. Heyl, W. M.; J. T. Lindsay, S. W.; D. D. Stevenson, J. W.; William Widenham, Tyler; N. Boilvin, Treas.; N. S. Tucker, Sec.

CALEDONIA LODGE NO. 47.

Raised.—Jonathan Freeman, William Standard, S. B. Shoate, James M. Hall, Edwin B. Califf, O. S. Sayre.

Officers.—George Hawpe, W. M.; Joseph Street, S. W.; James M. Davidge, J. W. Abraham Youngblood, Treas.; James Y——, Sec.; Hiram Boren and Henry D. Riddle, Deacons.

UNITY LODGE NO. 48.

Officers.—B. B. Payne, W. M.; S. S. Jones, S. W.; E. H. Jaques, J. W.; Luther Dearborn, Treas.; Alex. H. Baird, Sec.; Thos. Mattison, Tyler. No work was returned by this Lodge during 1849.

CAMBRIDGE LODGE NO. 49.

Raised.—M. B. Potter, Samuel P. Brainard, Henry Cooper, Stephen Palmer, Wm. M. Dalzell, Jarvis Pierce, Wm. H. Faxon, Elbert Penny, Isaiah K. Skeen, Jos. C. Miller, Levi Leonard, William Wardlaw, Wm. D. Wardlaw, Lafayette Stewart, David Cosner, and Jacob Cosner.

Officers.—Harman G. Reynolds, W. M.; Robert D. Foster, S. W.; Daniel C. McNeil, J. W.; Henry R. Lewis, Chap.; Michael Grant, Treas.; Sam'l. P. Brainard, Sec.; Quincy McNeil, and Mathew B. Potter, Deacons; Lewis M. Webber and Henry Cooper, Stewards; L. S. Cady, Tyler.

CARROLLTON LODGE NO. 50.

Officers.—James B. Samuel, W. M.; L. W. Link, S. W.; C. A. Davis, J. W.; Hiram Keach, Treas.; John K. Sharon, Sec.; R. W. English and Samuel Hopkins, Deacons; Josephus Headlee, Tyler.

Raised.—C. A. Davis, W. Sharon, V. F. Williams, S. C. Hopkins, P. Wright, G. H. Turner, F. P. Vedder, W. B. Taylor, John Hardtner, J. K. Sharon, R. W. English, J. C. Vigus, H. S. Latham, H. N. Bishop, J. Headlee, Z. A. Morrow, T. A. McIntyre, A. Davis.

MT. MORIAH LODGE NO. 51.

Officers.—J. H. Rolston, W. M.; McKenzie Turner, S. W.; M. J. Blockberger, J. W.; J. S. Hillis, Treas.; Wm. H. Wilton, Sec.; R. W. Davis and D. C. Lingofelter, Deacons; T. H. Corey and William Shawn, Stewards; A. H. Knapp, Tyler.

Raised.—Robert H. Peall, Amos Tetrick, Alex. Woodruff, W. H. Wilton, Benj. Blockburger, R. W. Davis, D. Lingofelter, Elias Petrie, A. A. Trimper, H. J. Rawson. Of the officers named above, Rolston, Turner, Blockburger, and Hillis, were members of Mt. Moriah Lodge when under the jurisdiction of Missouri.

The following are reported as having died: Aaron Knapp, Adam Rapp, Ira Boone, and Robert Crow.

BENEVOLENT LODGE NO. 52.

The officers of this Lodge for 1849 were: D. Waldo, W. M.; W. Post, S. W.; R. B. Hatch, J. W.; W. J. Paugh, Treas.; J. Trabue, Sec.; John W. Trover and W. B. Hatfield, Deacons; S. S. Winegar, Tyler.

Raised.—Thaddeus McCoy, W. R. Ham, W. H. Long, S. Parker, J. W. Thompson, W. Lee, W. J. Paugh, G. W. Ragle.

JACKSON LODGE NO. 53.

Raised.—David Evey, R. Madison, James Prentice, Martillus Graham, Jacob Cutler, Joseph Evey, Ralph Williams, Charles E. Woodward, Jas. O. Henry.

Officers.—Edward Evey, W. M.; M. K. Chin, S. W.; B. Durkee, J. W.; Letton Smith, Treas.; Charles E. Woodward, Sec.; John T. Tremble and Martillus Graham, Deacons; Charles Guilford, Steward; A. G. Herron, Tyler.

RECLAMATION LODGE NO. 54.

Officers.—Silas G. Shong, W. M.; Alex. Sympson, S. W.; Alex. La-Croix, J. W.; J. J. Piggott, Treas.; D. W. Pressell, Sec.; John J. Brent and Aaron S. Kingsly, Deacons; J. A. Cozad and V. E. Remington, Stewards; Albert Stow, Tyler.

Raised.—John J. Brent, W. W. Stale, and Aaron S. Kingsly.

WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 55.

Raised.—Joseph M. Hamilton, Gabriel Jones, Arthur Dempsey, William Edwards, Charles S. Starbuck.

Officers.—Lorenzo Johnson, W. M.; Harvey Neville, S. W.; E. C. Coffey, J. W.; Nahum W. Allen, Chaplain; Alex. D. Hay, Treas.; Darius Greenup, Sec.; Samuel M. Carter and George T. Hoke, Deacons; Lewis N. Farmer, Tyler.

PITTSFIELD LODGE NO. 56.

Officers.—Michael J. Noyes, W. M.; Reuben W. Scanland, S. W.; Jas. F. Hyde, J. W.; James Ward, Treas.; Samuel Barker, Sec.; B. Comstock and C. L. Higbee, Deacons; William Agnew, Tyler.

Raised.—H. Wills, J. M. Stagg, G. T. Edwards, Samuel Barker, A. Don Carlos, R. H. Scanland, B. F. Spencer, L. Vary, J. B. V. Butler, J. J. Bunce, R. L. Howard, J. D. Brents.

TRIO LODGE NO. 57.

Raised.—William Kelly, Frazier Wilson, John A. Boyd, Z. Cook, Jas. Copp, P. W. Gallup, Joseph O. Gilbert, D. A. Morris, S. C. Plummer, W. D. Bradley, James H. Hadsall, Robert T. Mills, Luke Wells, Charles Brooks, Elihu Turner, H. E. Wright, D. B. Rice.

Officers.—Patrick A. Whittaker, W. M.; Joshua H. Hatch, S. W.; Jas. Vaughn, J. W.; Benj. F. Barrett, Treas.; Robert Graham, Sec.; James G. Blythe and Daniel A. Morris, Deacons; William Vandever, James R. Hadsall, Stewards; William Pettifer, Tyler.

The following are reported as having died: P. H. Jeffers, Stephen B. Green.

FRATERNAL LODGE NO. 58.

Officers.—J. J. Patterson, W. M.; J. C. Johnson, S. W.; Wm. Lafarge, J. W.; Henry Zarger, Treas.; John Marquiss, Sec.; Joseph A. Kee and R. Carlyle, Deacons; John P. Tenbrook, Steward; Geo. W. Fisher, Tyler.

Raised.—Henry Zarger, R. F. Piatt, James A. Piatt, John Marqui Samuel Hoping, Jacob Tenbrook, George Matsler, Henry Sadorus, Geo. W. Fisher, Allen Sadorus, Joseph A. Kee, W. M. Nesbitt.

NEW BOSTON LODGE NO. 59.

Raised.—D. C. Shibley, L. B. How, J. G. Swaford, Gilbert Brewer.

Officers.—J. O. Allen, W. M.; Jos. Alexander, S. W.; John Allen, J. W.; Gilbert Brewer, Treas.; Daniel Winslow, Sec.; George Ralston and John Greer, Deacons; M. Poffenbarger, Tyler.

BELVIDERE LODGE NO. 60.

Raised.—S. Bassett, S. G. Gooding, D. H. Whitney, R. B. Simpkins, S. T. Hotchkiss, Joseph White, A. Cline, F. M. Putney, John Powell, Sam'l. Loncor, C. H. Payne, J. Vansickles, H. J. Doolittle, Leroy E. Benson, H. R. Mead, A. Birge.

Officers.—N. Hotchkiss, W. M.; D. Howell, S. W.; S. C. Gooding, J. W.; S. H. Magher, Treas.; A. C. Fuller, Sec.; N. W. Birge and Asa Williams, Deacons; Isaac Benson and Cephas Gardner, Stewards; James Johnson, Tyler.

Cornelius Cline is reported as having died during the year.

JERUSALEM LODGE NO. 62.

Officers.—Charles F. Wertz, W. M.; Dan. Higley, S. W.; William Little, J. W.; Richard Chaney, Treas.; John M. Hinkle, Sec.; Hiram Cutts and Samuel McFarland, Deacons; Emanuel Morrison, Tyler.

Raised.—J. M. Hinkle, Peter Wertz, Lyman Hall, Samuel Chaney, Allen D. Mason, Richard Chaney, S. A. Irvin, Robert Fisher, William Moore, James Harpham, Isaiah Wilcoxon, S. W. Johnston, Edward Helm, C. W. Williams.

EUCLID LODGE NO. 65.

Raised.—Eli Rich, George Martin, Cyrus F. Tarbox, Henry F. Vallette, Lyman A. Hoyt, John Collins, John G. Sowers, Peter A. Lantz, Jonathan G. Vallette, George T. Adsit.

Officers.—Alymer Keith, W. M.; Joseph Naper, S. W.; Nathan Allen, J. W.; Lewis Ellsworth, Treas.; C. F. Tarbox, Sec.; John Collins and Nahum Boring, Deacons; Eli Rich, Tyler.

Breth. John G. Sowers and Erastus G. Hough were reported as having died during the year.

KNOXVILLE LODGE NO. 66.

This Lodge (beyond one initiation) did no work during the year. The officers were: George C. Lanphere, W. M.; Benjamin Hebard, S. W.; Caleb Finch, J. W.; Edward C. Johnston, Treas.; R. L. Hannaman, Sec.; Reuben Bailey and Isaac Gulihur, Deacons; Jonathan F. Mason, Tyler.

Lacon No. 61, St. Marks No. 63, and Benton No. 64, made no returns for 1849. There were left, after the close of the Grand Lodge, ten Lodges U. D., which will be noticed under their appropriate numbers in the chapter devoted to 1850.

March 17, 1849, Grand Master Lavelly granted to brethren Nelson D. Morse, Alexander Ewing, James E. Hale, Robert C. Price, L. D. Montgomery, Francis Gilmore, and William Easley a dispensation for a traveling Lodge, authorizing them "to form and to open a Lodge to be named the Pacific Lodge, at any place in said Territory (California) where they may sojourn, or on the journey there where there is no Grand Lodge established." The petition for this Lodge was duly recommended by Hiram Lodge No. 26. M. W. Bro. Morse was named as Master; Alexander Ewing, S. W.; and L. Dow Montgomery, as J. W. Of the labors difficulties, and scenes which this Lodge went through, we have no record, but the dispensation, which now lies before us, in three separate and distinct pieces, speaks of rough usage. The Lodge was in existence as late as October, 1851, at which time its last return was made.

The following brethren were initiated during the life of the Lodge: W. T. Sexton, Moses Bean, O. S. Walcott, H. C. Riordan, Jacob Hensing, John W. Handy, John B. Smith, Wm. F. Shelton, J. P. Dillon, Eben Phelps, John B. Carter, M. M. Smith, Jos. R. Male, Thos. J. Hale, A. H. Stout, H. B. Hays, J. W. Spalding, W. W. Lusk, J. H. Marple, William Maxwell, N. B. Edson, E. S. Collier, Samuel Price, C. F. Lott, W. N. Fisher, A. P. Smith, G. W. Stockton. All these were passed and raised excepting the two last. The last return of this Lodge was dated at "Long's Bar, Upper California."

CHAPTER XXIV.

1850.

GRAND LODGE.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION, APRIL 8, 1850.

On the 10th day of February, 1850, a fire occurred in the city of Peoria, which destroyed the office of the Grand Secretary, and all the books, papers, and records of the Grand Lodge, including the manuscript proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its session for 1849, the printing of which, for some unaccountable reason, had been delayed up to that time. A portion of this delay was doubtless owing to the death of William Mitchell, Grand Secretary, which occurred shortly after the close of the Grand Lodge.

Deeming it his duty to do so, yet with a great deal of hesitation, Grand Master Hobbs, who had been elected in October, 1849, called the Grand Lodge together to meet at Springfield on the 8th day of April, 1850, and in obedience to his edict the Grand Lodge assembled at the specified time. There were present:

"William C. Hobbs, M. W. G. M.; William B. Warren, S. G. W., *p. t.*; J. B. Samuel, J. G. W., *p. t.*; Elias Hibbard, G. Treas., *p. t.*; William Lavery, Dep. Gr. Sec., *p. t.*; Levi Lusk, G. Chaplain, *p. t.*; Patrick A. Whittaker, S. G. D., *p. t.*; Phares A. Dorwin, J. G. D., *p. t.*; J. V. Z. Blaney, G. Pursuivant, *p. t.*; Michael McNamara, G. Tyler, *p. t.*

"Past Grand Masters Lusk and Lavery. Past Masters Warren, of No. 3, Cabanis and Harvey, of No. 4, Sweat, of No. 15.

"REPRESENTATIVES:

"No. 1, Louis Watson, W. M. No. 3, Wm. S. Hurst, S. W. No. 4, J. W. Keyes, W. M.; Mason Brayman, S. W. No. 15, Thos. J. Pickett, W. M. No. 17, J. M. Campbell,* W. M. No. 18, J. C. Miller, W. M. No. 19, D. A. Brown,* W. M. No. 24, C. G. Y. Taylor,* W. M. No. 25, Elias Hibbard, W. M. No. 26, S. G. Dean,* W. M. No. 27, B. C. Snyder, W. M. No. 33, J. V. Z. Blaney,* W. M. and S. W. No. 34, George Wike, W. M. No. 43, Goodman Ferre, J. W. No. 44, James Brockman, W. M. No. 45, W. B. School, S. W.; F. Kimball, J. W. No. 50, J. B.

Samuel, W. M. No. 51, R. W. Davis,* W. M. No. 53, E. Eby, W. M. No. 57, P. A. Whittaker, W. M. No. 59, E. H. Freeman,* W. M. No. 66, A. Brewer, W. M. No. 68, E. Frazier,* S. W. No. 69, William Farris,* S. W. No. 71, P. A. Dorwin, W. M.; I. R. Diller, J. W. No. 79, Z. Case, W. M.; C. N. Halstead, J. W.

“VISITORS:

“No. 4, A. R. Robinson, John Davis, and Balsar Hiki. No. 71, John Cook, Thos. H. Campbell, and C. W. Chatterton.”

The Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, the Grand Master delivered the following address:

“Right Worshipful and Worshipful Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Illinois:

“I issued the proclamation which has caused you to convene at this time, with extreme reluctance. Nothing short of what appeared to me imperative and urgent necessity would have induced me to subject you to the outlay and inconvenience incident in attending an extra session of the Grand Lodge.

“Since our regular communication in October last, it has pleased Divine Providence, in His, to us, inscrutable wisdom, to visit us, as a Fraternity, with solemn, impressive, and affecting dispensations. Death, that great severer of the fondest and holiest of human ties, has breathed his icy breath on our right and on our left, and several of our most cherished and efficient brethren, with whom we acted in October, are now affiliated with the pale nations of the spirit land. They have, doubtless, been called hence to be advanced to higher degrees in *that Lodge* over which the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe eternally presides.

“It becomes my official duty to announce to you the death of Wm. Mitchell, Esq., our late Rt. Worshipful Grand Secretary. In ten days after the adjournment of the last regular communication, he was called from labor in this world to the enjoyment, we trust, of a rich and enduring refreshment in a realm of brighter and of fuller light than ours.

“He needs no eulogy from me. An imperishable monument is built up to his memory within the heart of every member of this organization—upon the tablet of which are indelibly inscribed his worth and his virtues. His deep and unwavering devotion to the precepts, principles, and usages of the Order—his amiable and unchanging courtesy—his untiring industry and zeal in the discharge of his official duties—his fidelity and his expansive brotherly love, constituted him one of the great pillars of our Institution in Illinois, and the idol of the Fraternity.

“Upon the death of the late Grand Secretary, I appointed our esteemed Bro. Thomas J. Pickett, Esq., of the city of Peoria, to fill the vacancy.

“In conformity with a resolution of the Grand Lodge, the printing of the proceedings of the last annual communication, together with a digest of all the laws, rules, and edicts of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, then in force, was contracted with Messrs. Davis & Pickett, of Peoria.

“To facilitate the work, and for personal convenience, the Grand Secretary placed the archives of the Grand Lodge in the building occupied by these brothers as a printing office. Before the said printing was completed, the office was destroyed by fire, and with it the entire papers belonging to the Grand Lodge, including the manuscript copy of the minutes of the last annual com-

*Proxies.

munication. This unfortunate catastrophe makes it necessary, and seems to demand, that some organized action of this Grand Lodge should be had previous to the October session, to collect and re-establish, as far as practicable, the proceedings, enactments, and records thus destroyed. To neglect this would necessarily produce confusion, and to delay action until October, would impose upon that session duties too laborious and too much augmented.

"The objects contemplated for your action at this session, as set forth in the summons or proclamation, are as follows:

"1st. The restoration of the records, bonds, and proceedings of the Grand Lodge, particularly the proceedings of the last October communication.

"2d. The adjustment, as far as necessary, of the financial concerns of the Grand Lodge, up to the close of said regular session.

"3d. The filling of any vacancy which may have occurred in the elective officers of the Grand Lodge since the last communication.

"4th. To take such action as you may determine in relation to the organization of a General Grand Lodge for the United States of North America.

"5th. To bestow any charities which may be thought advisable—to make any allowances in money, in payment to officers for services, as may seem just and proper, and also to make any allowances of money for incidental expenses, if any such should occur or be presented.

"6th. To receive returns and dues from Lodges having failed to make returns at the last October session, and to take regular action on said returns.

"7th. To hear and determine all matters of grievance which may be regularly and properly presented.

"In the said summons each subordinate Lodge was required to return to this special communication a certified copy of the returns made to the last regular communication, together with the receipts for dues and other moneys paid at the last regular communication. It was further required that each and every Lodge under this jurisdiction which failed to make the usual and regular returns and payments at the said last regular communication, do make such returns and payments to the present special session.

"It was requested in said proclamation that all reports, resolutions, regulations, edicts, or requirements, adopted at the said last October session, be made out as nearly as practicable and presented or forwarded by the person or persons having offered the same.

"To your experience and wisdom, my brethren, I confide the business which calls us together. You will find it, most likely, intricate and laborious, confused and indistinct. The zeal, devotion, and industry, however, usually displayed by the members of this Grand Lodge, will satisfactorily elucidate every intricacy and readily surmount every difficulty.

"I will take the liberty to suggest the propriety of appointing the following committees, in order to insure regularity of action and facilitate the progress of the meeting.

"1st. A committee on the restoration of records and proceedings, whose duty shall be to collect, as far as practicable, copies of lost records, and further, to collect and condense in proper form all reports, resolutions, motions, and facts appertaining to the proceedings of the last regular communication.

"2d. A finance committee, whose duty it shall be to adjust as far as necessary the financial concerns of the Grand Lodge up to the close of the last session.

"3d. A General Grand Lodge Committee.

"4th. A Committee on Charity.

"5th. A Committee on Returns of Chartered Lodges having failed to report at the regular time.

"6th. A Committee on Grievances; or such other committee or committees as the wisdom of this body may devise.

"Since I arrived in this city the resignation of Bro. Pickett, as R. W. Grand Secretary, was received by me, consequently that office is now vacant, and an immediate election to fill the vacancy is recommended.

"A very fraternal communication was received by me from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, inviting the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Illinois to participate with them in the pleasing duty of Masonically laying the corner-stone of a monument to be erected in the city of Richmond, to the memory of our illustrious brother George Washington.

"The invitation was received too late to permit me either notifying you or attending myself.

"I will not interfere with your time in addressing you at this communication upon matters not pertinent to the intentions of this meeting. At the regular communication I will take the liberty of presenting many propositions which, in my opinion, will be of importance to the Fraternity.

"In conclusion, I will congratulate you on the unprecedented growth of the Fraternity within this jurisdiction. New Lodges are springing up vigorously and securely in almost every village and town of any size throughout the length and breadth of the State. General harmony prevails, and from the reports I have had the pleasure to receive, I am induced to believe that the subordinates are in a most healthy and prosperous condition. More than ordinary caution is avowedly exercised by the Lodges in the reception of members—consequently our altars are, measureably, sacred from the offerings of the unworthy, and our sanctuaries unpolluted by the presence of the mercenary and the profligate."

The address was referred to Breth. Warren (3), Snyder (27), and Brayman (4).

On motion of Bro. Warren, appropriate resolutions were adopted regarding the death of Bro. H. S. Cooley, Past Grand Orator.

Bro. Warren, from the Committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Master, reported as follows :

"Bro. Warren, from the special committee to which was referred the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, begs leave to recommend :

"The appointment by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, of the following committees, as suggested by him :

"1st. A Committee on Restoration of Records, Proceedings, &c.

"2d. A Finance Committee.

"3d. A G. Grand Lodge Committee.

"4th. A Committee on Charity.

"5th. A Committee on Chartered Lodges which have failed to report at the regular time.

"6th. A Committee on Grievances.

"7th. A Committee to Report Resolutions on the death of R. W. Wm. Mitchell, late Grand Secretary.

"And that the several subjects specified in said address, and all business coming before the Grand Lodge, be referred respectively to the appropriate committees,

"We also recommend that the address of the M. W. G. Master be printed with the proceedings of this grand communication.

"Respectfully submitted,

W. B. WARREN,
BENJ. C. SNYDER,
M. BRAYMAN."

Which, on motion of Bro. Blaney, was adopted.

In accordance with this report the M. W. Grand Master appointed the following committees:

On Restoration of Records.—Breth. Pickett (15), Cabanis (4), Snyder (27), Sweat (15), Hurst (3), Farris (69), Taylor (24), Brayman (4), and Campbell (17).

On Finance.—Breth. Warren (3), Dean (26), Miller (18).

On Charity.—Breth. Samuel (50), Keys (4), and Brockman (44).

On General Grand Lodge.—Breth. Warren (3), Lusk (9), and Hibbard (27).

On Chartered Lodges which failed to report at the regular time.—Breth. Cabanis (4), Whittaker (57), and Frazier (68).

On Grievances.—Breth. Freeman (59) and Case (79).

To Report Resolutions on the death of R. W. Wm. Mitchell, late Grand Secretary.—Breth. Brayman (4), Pickett and Sweat (both 15).

On motion of Bro. Cabanis, an election for Grand Secretary was made the order for Tuesday morning. The Grand Lodge then called off until 2 o'clock, P. M.

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The Grand Lodge being called to labor, on motion of Bro. Cabanis, the Committee on Restoration was discharged.

On motion of Bro. Sweat,

"Resolved, That the standing committees as appointed at the last annual session of the Grand Lodge, be now called, and the members answering to their names constitute the committees at the present session."

The call was then made and resulted as follows:

On Returns and Work of Chartered Lodges.—Breth. Cabanis, Whittaker, and Frazier.

On Returns and Work of Lodges U. D.—None.

On Petitions and Grievances.—None.

On Examining Visiting Brethren.—None.

On motion of Bro. Warren, a committee, consisting of Breth. Warren, Blaney, and Brayman, were appointed to invite the Governor, Auditor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and other State officers being Masons, to be present at the session of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Brayman announced that he was authorized by Springfield Chapter No. 1, Springfield Lodge No. 4, and Central Lodge No. 71, to tender

the officers and members of the Grand Lodge a dinner, at such time during the session as might be convenient.

On motion of Bro. Hurst, the Grand Lodge accepted the hospitalities offered, and appointed Breth. Hurst, Sweat, and Hibbard, as a committee of conference with the bodies above named.

On motion of Bro. Blaney (33),

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary cause to be published forthwith, 250 copies of the following resolution, adopted by this Grand Lodge at their last annual communication, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Illinois recognizes the Lodge over which M. W. J. D. Willard presides, as the only regularly constituted Grand Lodge in the State of New York,"—

"Together with a list of the Lodges working under said Grand Lodge, to be distributed immediately to the subordinate Lodges of this State, and sent to every new Lodge that may be created."

Bro. Taylor (24) offered the following :

"*Whereas*, Bro. Alexander Reany, late Master of St. Clair Lodge No. 24, departed this life during the year 1849, and has left a very worthy and destitute family who are at this time in indigent circumstances ; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That ——— dollars be appropriated from the Grand Charity Fund to the widow of our late Brother A. Reany, for the benefit of herself and orphan children."

Which was referred to the Charity Committee.

Bro. Hurst (3) offered the following :

"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is unmasonic and contrary to the ancient usages of the Craft for a brother to demit from a Lodge, unless he removes from under its jurisdiction, or for the purpose of joining a weaker Lodge."

The Grand Master decided the resolution out of order (upon what grounds we are not aware), whereupon Bro. Hurst appealed from his decision, upon which the ayes and noes were called for, and the decision of the Grand Master sustained.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, April 9, 1850.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor, the Throne of Grace being addressed by Bro. Coffman.

The following additional officers and representatives were present :

"J. H. Holton, R. W. D. G. M.; J. H. Luce, R. W. G. Lecturer; E. R. Roe, R. W. P. D. G. M.; Phillip Coffman, Past Master.

"*Representatives*.—No. 1, H. Dills,* S. and J. W. No. 3, N. English, J. W. No. 14, A. R. Stout, S. W. No. 19, A. J. Brooks, J. W. No. 30, C. W. Rockhold, W. M.; D. M. Smith, * S. and J. W. No. 38, J. M. Roberts, * W. M., S. and J. W. No. 47, A. Freeman, * W. M., S. and J. W. No. 54, S. G. Strong, S. W., * W. M. No. 58, J. J. Patterson, W. M. No. 68, Nathan Dresser, W. M. No. 71, Asa Eastman, S. W."

*Proxies.

An appeal by E. J. Nicholson from the action of Warren Lodge No. 14, was referred to the proper committee.

The Committee on Charity reported as follows, which was adopted :

"The Committee on Charity, to whom was referred the resolution of Bro. Taylor of St. Clair Lodge, asking the Grand Lodge to make an appropriation for the benefit of the widow and orphans of our late Bro. Reany, deceased, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully recommend that the Grand Lodge cause to be furnished to the said family, the sum of one hundred dollars.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. B. SAMUEL,
J. W. KEYS,
JAS. BROCKMAN.

On motion of Bro. Laveley,

"*Resolved*, That as compensation to Bro. Thos. J. Pickett, late Grand Secretary, and in consideration of the great loss sustained by fire, that the sum of one hundred dollars furnished Davis & Pickett, be appropriated to Bro. Pickett.

"*Resolved, further*, That Bro Pickett be requested to present his account for postage and other incidental expenses incurred by him as Grand Secretary."

The Grand Lodge then went into an election of Grand Secretary, which resulted in the choice of Bro. William B. Warren, who was duly installed.

The committees which had not been filled on the day previous, were now appointed, viz.:

On Returns and Work of Chartered Lodges.—Breth. Cabanis (4), Whitaker (57), and Frazier (68).

On Returns and Work of Lodges U. D.—Breth. Dills (1), Watson (1), Brewer (30).

On Petitions and Grievances.—Breth. English (3), Laveley (4), and Snyder (27).

On Visiting Brethren.—Breth. Hurst (3), and Luce (1).

A committee on restoration of lost records, to act as supervisory of the other committees, was also appointed, consisting of Breth. Taylor (24), Cabanis (4), and Pickett (15).

The Grand Master announced that Bro. Past Grand Master Jonas had sent him, to be presented to the Grand Lodge, a bound copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from its organization to 1848, which was ordered returned to him with the thanks of the Grand Lodge, as a copy had been preserved from the fire.

Breth. Hibbard (27), and Sweat (15), were appointed a Committee on Unfinished Business.

The committee appointed to confer with the Masonic bodies of the city, in relation to hospitalities tendered, reported as follows:

"The committee appointed to confer with our brethren of Springfield, in relation to a dinner to be tendered the Grand Lodge, respectfully beg leave to report:

"That they have conferred with the Committee of Arrangement appointed by the Chapter and Lodges of Springfield, and understand that a procession will be formed at the Masonic Hall, at 12 o'clock on Wednesday, the 10th day of April, and proceed to the room now occupied by the Grand Lodge, and there receive that body—then proceed to the 1st Presbyterian Church, where an address will be delivered by Bro. James H. Matheny, of Springfield Lodge No. 4, after which the procession will move to the City Hotel, and there partake of a dinner at half past 2 o'clock.

"Your committee have accepted the arrangement as above, and respectfully ask the attention of the Grand Lodge to the same.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"WM. S. HURST,
Chairman."

The Grand Lodge was then called off until Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, April 10, 1850.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor, prayer being offered by Past Grand Master Lusk. Additional representatives were present, as follows:

"No. 52, Daniel Waldo, W. M. No. 56, J. F. Hyde, S. W. No. 59, Thos. H. Freeman, proxy W. M., S. and J. W. No. 76, B. T. Burke, W. M.

A petition of Bro. Dunlap, of Rushville Lodge No. 9, was presented by Bro. Lusk, and referred to the Committee on Grievances. The accounts of Bro. T. J. Pickett, late Grand Secretary, were referred to the Finance Committee. The appeal of E. J. Nicholson was, upon leave, withdrawn. A complaint made against Temple Lodge No. 46, was referred to the Committee on Grievances.

The Committee on Petitions and Grievances made report as follows:

"The Committee on Petitions and Grievances, to whom was referred a matter from Rushville Lodge No. 9, have had the same under consideration and would beg leave to report, that they are unable to see any reason therein to authorize the Grand Lodge to take the business out of the hands to which it properly belongs, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the appeal be dismissed.

"N. ENGLISH,
BENJ. C. SNYDER,
WM. LAVELY."

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor until 3½ o'clock P. M.

"A procession was then formed by the Grand Marshal, and the Grand Lodge, accompanied by the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois, Springfield Lodge No. 4, Central Lodge No. 71, and Springfield Royal Arch Chapter No. 1, marched to the Presbyterian Church, where an address

was pronounced by Bro. James Matheny; the grand officers of the Grand Chapter were then installed—the procession was again formed and moved to the City Hotel, where a sumptuous dinner was prepared.

“After dinner the procession moved back to the hall, and the Grand Lodge was called to labor.”

Bro. Pickett, from the Committee to report resolutions on the death of Grand Secretary Mitchell, made report as follows:

“The committee to whom was referred the subject of reporting resolutions on the death of Bro. Mitchell, late Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, would, in accordance with that duty, submit the following:

“It having pleased the great disposer of events to call from our midst our well beloved and lamented Bro. William Mitchell, late Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, it is proper at this time that we pay a tribute to him ‘whose memory we revere and whose loss we deplore.’

“*Resolved*, That ‘we deeply, sincerely, and most affectionately sympathize with the widow and orphans of our late brother, in their afflictive bereavement.’

“*Resolved*, That the members of this Grand Lodge, during the present communication, as a token of respect for the memory of our late departed brother, will wear crape on their left arms.

“*Resolved*, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to the widow of our deceased brother.

On motion of Bro. Dills,

“*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Chapter and Lodges of Springfield, for the kind reception and excellent entertainment provided by them for the members of the Grand Lodge.”

Bro. Lavelly was allowed \$15 for services as Deputy Grand Secretary. The representative of No. 54 was granted leave of absence.

The committee to whom was referred the complaint against No. 46, made report as follows:

“*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to repair immediately to Peoria and investigate all difficulties existing in Temple Lodge, and report to the M. W. G. Master, who can then act on the subject as his judgment may direct; in the mean time that said Lodge cease work, and that a copy of this proceeding be transmitted to the W. Master and Wardens of said Lodge.”

The Grand Master desiring to be excused from the appointment of the committee, Breth. Wade (42), Quigley (29), and Rockhold (30), were appointed by the Grand Lodge.

An account of Bro. Pickett for \$15.75 was allowed and ordered paid.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 7½ o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 7½ o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge called to labor.

The following was adopted:

“*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered Bro. J. H. Matheny, for the able address delivered by him this day, and a copy of the same be requested, to be printed with the proceedings of the present Grand Lodge.”

The Committee on General Grand Lodge reported as follows :

"The Committee on the G. Grand Lodge beg leave to make the following report and recommend its adoption :

"It is the opinion of your committee that the organization of a general Grand Lodge is the surest and best means for the attainment of that unity, uniformity, and brotherly feeling which has heretofore, and should always characterize the Masonic family; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge approve the principle and will cordially co-operate with her sister Grand Lodges, in the formation of a general Grand Lodge—also

"*Resolved*, That the M. W. G. Master be appointed a delegate to attend the convention for the organization of said G. G. Lodge, or appoint a proxy to do so.

"W. B. WARREN,
ELIAS HIBBARD,
L. LUSK."

Bro. Blaney (33) moved to amend by inserting the following :

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge approve of, and are willing to take part in a convention composed of delegates from the Grand Lodges of the several States of the United States, to take into consideration the expediency of the formation of a General Grand Lodge for the United States, and to frame a constitution and by-laws for such Grand Lodge; provided that this Grand Lodge shall not be committed to any thing which shall bring it under jurisdiction of such general grand body, until action can be had upon the proceedings of such convention, and only then by a vote of the Grand Lodge, submitting itself to such jurisdiction.

Bro. Taylor (24) moved to amend as follows :

"To strike out all after resolved, and insert "that this Grand Lodge is opposed to the formation of a Supreme Grand Lodge, but that she will send a delegate to the Grand Convention with instructions that he oppose the institution of such a body."

Bro. Cabanis (4) moved to amend by substituting as follows :

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge take no further action at this time in relation to the formation of a Supreme General Grand Lodge of the United States."

The substitute was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Nos. 1, 3, 8, 16, 24, 25, 26, 30, 42, 45, 50, 52, 53, 54, 57, 68, 69, 79—21 votes. Nays, Past Grand Masters, Nos. 4, 9, 15, 17, 18, 27, 33, 34, 44, 47, 56, 59, 66, 71—15 votes.

The vote in the affirmative recorded as No. 16 should have read 19, as No. 16 was not then in existence.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted Bro. Treat, Chief Justice Supreme Court, for the use of the court-room. Bro. Blaney, on the part of Bro. Case, presented the Grand Lodge with a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York.

The Committee on Restoration of Lost Records reported as follows :

"The committee appointed to restore the records and proceedings of the October session of 1849, of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois, beg leave to report that they have assiduously

attended to that duty and report the following as the result of their labors, remarking at the same time, that wherever the committee could, with any degree of certainty, arrive at what was the positive result of action had by the Grand Lodge upon any matter at the last annual communication, they have presented it here in accordance with the action had; and where the committee were informed that matters had been considered, and action had by the Grand Lodge, but the result of that action not known, they have stated as follows: 'lost and can not be restored,' all of which is respectfully submitted:

"C. G. Y. TAYLOR,
T. J. PICKETT,
Z. CABANIS."

"At a Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, convened in the city of Chicago, in pursuance of its by-laws, on the first Monday, being the first day of October, A. D. 1849, A. L. 5849.

"*Present*.—M. W. William Lavelly, G. M.; R. W. Joseph C. Ketchum, G. S. W.; R. W. William C. Hobbs, G. J. W.; R. W. William McMurtry, G. Treas.; R. W. Wm. Mitchell, G. Sec.; R. W. William Barlow, G. Chap., *pro tem.*; R. W. Geo. Davis, G. Orator; R. W. P. A. Whittaker, G. S. Deacon, *pro tem.*; R. W. A. F. Reany, G. J. Deacon, *pro tem.*; R. W. H. G. Reynolds, G. Marshal; R. W. C. B. Stebbins, G. S. Bearer; R. W. Wm. C. Russell, G. Pursuivant; R. W. John Daley, G. Steward; R. W. W. Christy, G. Tyler.

"*Members*.—No. 30, Adam Brewer. No. 33, J. V. Z. Blaney. No. 1, John Crockett, W. M.; H. Dills, S. W.; S. Hulston, J. W. No. 3, Wm. C. Swett, W. M.; W. S. Hurst, S. W.; N. English, J. W. No. 4, Z. P. Cabanis, W. M. No. 9, John C. Bagby, W. M. No. 13, Geo. W. Gilson, W. M. No. 14, John T. Knox, proxy for W. M., S. and J. Wardens. No. 15, Thos. J. Pickett. No. 17, Hugh Erwin, J. W. No. 18, C. Jackson, W. M. No. 19, A. F. Reany, proxy for S. and J. W. No. 25, Elias Hibbard, proxy for W. M., S. and J. W. No. 29, Webb C. Quigly, W. M. No. 33, Geo. Davis, W. M. No. 34, Lewis Angle, proxy for W. M. No. 37, Wm. Easley, proxy for W. M. No. 38, Wm. E. Russell. No. 39, J. Holton, proxy for W. M. and S. W. No. 40, W. H. L. Wallace. No. 42, T. J. Wade. No. 43, W. C. Hobbs, W. M. No. 45, Amos Hill, W. M. No. 46, John C. Heyl, W. M.; J. P. Dennis, S. W.; John T. Lindsay, J. W. No. 49, H. G. Reynolds, W. M. No. 52, Daniel Wade, W. M. No. 54, Alex. Simpson, proxy for W. M. and J. W. No. 56, M. J. Noyes, W. M. No. 57, P. A. Whittaker, W. M.; B. F. Barrett, proxy for S. W. No. 60, N. H. Hotchkiss. No. 61, Robert E. Yost, proxy for W. M., S. and J. W.

"There being a sufficient number of Lodges represented, the M. W. G. Lodge was opened in ample form in the third degree of Masonry, and the Throne of Grace addressed by Rev. William Barlow, Grand Chaplain.

"On motion of Bro. J. H. Holton, the reading of the minutes of the last Grand Annual Communication was dispensed with, printed copies being in the hands of the members."

Bro. Lavelly then delivered his address. He congratulated the brethren upon having escaped the prevailing mania which had carried off so many to seek their fortune in a distant land; alluding to the "California fever," and that more awful pestilence (the cholera) which, "walking forth in darkness and wasting at noonday," had carried so many to their long home. He then notices the fact that P. G. M. Morse and P. D. G.

M. Crandall had, with "the mighty multitude," wended their way to a far distant land, and expressed the hope that they might again return and meet with them. He thus spoke of Bro. Samuel H. Davis:

"But our worthy and esteemed brother, Samuel H. Davis, the able chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, has gone to that distant land from whose bourne no traveler returns. He will never meet with us again in the Grand Lodge below. May we not indulge the fond hope, in our present bereavement, that the first named brethren, with all that have gone with them, may, through the parental care and protection of our Heavenly Father, be safely returned to the bosoms of their families, and to our assemblies; and that the latter has only gone from his labors in the Grand Lodge below, to everlasting refreshment and happiness in the Grand Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides, and bids him welcome. He having died the death of the righteous, let us endeavor to emulate his many virtues, that when we shall be '*called off*,' our last end may be like his."

He then reported granting dispensations for Union Lodge, at Little Fort, Lake county; Eureka Lodge, at Camden Mills, Rock Island county; Rockton, at Rockton, Winnebago county; Scott, at Carlyle, Clinton county; Central, at Springfield; Prairie, at Paris, Edgar county; Pacific and Lively, in the Territory of California; Acacia, at LaSalle; Chester, at Chester, Randolph county; Knoxville, at Knoxville; Batavia, at Batavia, Kane county; Mount Nebo, at Carlinville, Macoupin county; Perry, at Perry, Pike county; Naples, at Naples; and Roscoe, at Roscoe, Winnebago county. In regard to the dispensations to the two Lodges in California, he thus said:

"In granting the dispensations to the two Lodges in California, as the petitioners could not designate any particular place in the Territory where they might remain while there, I gave them authority to open their Lodge and hold their meetings at any place where they might sojourn, where no Grand Lodge was established. And in view of the great distance they would be from us, and the impossibility of their being enabled to make returns of their work, &c., to our present communication, as required in ordinary cases, the dispensations were so granted as to continue in full force until the return of the respective Masters named therein, unless sooner revoked by the Grand Lodge. This act may be considered as an assumption of power on my part, as in ordinary cases it is understood that the Grand Master can not, in the recess of the Grand Lodge, grant a dispensation for a new Lodge to extend beyond the next annual communication. But all the circumstances in connection with these two Lodges and their destination, seemed to justify some deviation from the general rule, and as the dispensations were entrusted to such brethren and members of our Grand Lodge as P. G. M. Morse, and P. D. G. M. Crandall, I could not hesitate, in drafting their dispensations, to give such powers as the emergency of their cases actually required, being well assured that the trust would not be abused in their hands, wherever their lots might be cast. It is with you, however, to ratify or annul my proceedings in the matter, and take such further action as may seem right and proper, as to the continuation of those two Lodges."

He reported the Lodges in a flourishing condition, called attention to the act of the General Assembly incorporating the Grand Lodge, "and all Lodges now constituted or that may be hereafter constituted," and thus in regard to physical requisites of candidates:

"I would call your attention to the necessity of adopting some permanent and explicit rule with regard to the physical requisites of candidates, as we have none to govern us except the ancient constitutions, upon which most of the Grand Lodges have placed their own constructions on this subject for the government of their subordinates. As appears by the printed proceedings for 1845 (page 57), it was resolved, as the opinion of this Grand Lodge, 'that when the deformity of a candidate for initiation is not such as to prevent him from acquiring an honest livelihood, being instructed in the arts and mysteries of Masonry, and working in his Craft, his admission will not be an infringement upon the "landmarks," but will be perfectly consistent with the spirit and present "speculative" character of the Institution.' Subsequently, however, at the session for 1847, as appears by the printed proceedings (page 34), this resolution, together with several others, were declared to be adopted, if adopted at all, contrary to the requirements of the constitution and by-laws of the Grand Lodge. Within the last year, one of our subordinate Lodges received an individual who had lost a leg, and after receiving the favorable report of the committee thereon, and having some doubts of the propriety of proceeding further, ask for information from me; upon which I emphatically forbid their attempting to confer the degrees upon him. In another Lodge, they initiated and passed one who had lost a hand, and on his application to be raised, some of the members objected, while others were in favor of proceeding with him. The question was submitted to me for a decision, upon which I informed them that their whole proceedings, from the reception of the petition to the time when his further progress was stopped, was a violation of the 'Ancient Constitution,' and a direct innovation upon the '*Body of Masonry*,' and ordered them to go no further with the individual; and as he had not legally received the degrees, could not therefore be recognized as any part of a Mason. For this gross violation of ancient and established regulations, I censured the officers of the Lodge severely, and should immediately have arrested their charter, but for their prompt acknowledgement of the error, and an assurance of their zeal for Masonry, and a manifest disposition to conform to all our regulations.

"It may seem a hardship that one who has been so unfortunate as to lose a leg or a hand, but who is otherwise in mind and morals 'fully qualified,' should be excluded from receiving a part in the rights and benefits of our time-honored Institution; but there is no greater hardship in his case than that of a woman or one in his non-age. A man with but one leg, or one hand, might be altogether 'worthy,' but he can not be 'well qualified.' Although it is contended by some, and is so decided by some Grand Lodges, that the change in the character of our Institution from 'operative and speculative' to 'speculative' only, has vindicated the propriety of a departure from the 'Ancient Constitution' in certain cases, and particularly as to the physical requisites of candidates; yet still we regard the ceremonies of initiation as one of the principal parts of the '*Body of Masonry*,' in which all must admit, more especially Masters of Lodges, that 'it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovations.' These are the same in all ages, and can not in any case be altered or dispensed

with in making Masons. Let the world change, let other institutions of modern date grow up and live their brief hour and die, but let us studiously guard against all innovations and strenuously adhere to the 'Ancient Charges.'"

Several communications relating to difficulties in No. 59, which had been received by him, were laid before the Grand Lodge. That portion of his address which related to Temperance Lodge, we have heretofore presented. He spoke as follows of the division of the Grand Lodge of New York:

"I have been favored with detailed accounts from both parties, of the outrageous proceedings had at the late annual communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New York, which will be at your disposal. As there are now three distinct bodies in that State, claiming to be Grand Lodges, I would urge it upon you to take some prompt and decisive action in the premises, and determine at this communication, which of these bodies shall be recognized as the legal and regularly constituted Grand Lodge of that State. And also denounce in language that can not be misunderstood, the tumultuous, rebellious and riotous spirit manifested by some of the actors in the scene alluded to, and which is so much at war with the holy principles and teaching of our Institution. And in order that a speedy and fair investigation may be had in the premises, I would recommend that all the communications be referred to a special committee, with instructions to report at as early a day as possible. I only refrained from issuing a circular to all of our subordinates, interdicting all Masonic intercourse with New York Masons, until the difficulty should be examined and passed upon by you, because the present communication was so near at hand.

He concluded by returning thanks for the honors twice conferred upon him, and proposed, after his successor had been elected, to seek a "quiet corner, and there rest and muse on what others do, and pray for the peace of Jerusalem."

But little rest (Masonically speaking) from the cares of office, has our venerable brother experienced.

So much of the address as related to the New York difficulties, was referred to Breth. Pickett, Hobbs, "and three others," and the remainder to Breth. H. G. Reynolds, J. H. Holton, "and others."

The Grand Master then appointed the following standing committees:

On Returns and Work of Chartered Lodges.—Breth. Cabanis, Whittaker, and Knox.

On Returns and Work of Lodges U. D.—Breth. Dills, Waldo, and Stebbins.

On Petitions and Grievances.—Breth. McMurtry, Noyes, and English.
To Examine Visiting Brethren.—Breth. Jackson and Hurst.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock P. M.

At 2 o'clock P. M. the Grand Lodge was called to labor. No business was transacted beyond the appointment of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, consisting of Breth. Pickett (15), Reynolds (26), and Lindsay (46).

On Tuesday morning the Grand Lodge was called to labor. Same officers and brethren were present as on the preceding day.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges reported as follows:

"The Committee on Returns and Work of Chartered Lodges offer the following report: That they have received the returns of Washington Lodge No. 55, Nashville. The work appears to be correct, but there is no receipt for the dues paid, \$24.00. An explanation is given as follows: That the dues had been forwarded to the late Grand Secretary, William Mitchell, at Peoria, Illinois, on the 24th day of September, 1849, with the request that the Grand Secretary would forward a receipt for the same, but that no answer had ever been forwarded to this Lodge.

"The Committee on Returns and Work of Chartered Lodges respectfully beg leave to report that they have examined the returns of the following Lodges, made up to the 1st October, 1849, and find them correct and their dues paid, to-wit: Bodley No. 1, Equality 2, Harmony 3, Springfield 4, Rushville 9, Cass 23, Piasa 27, Warren 14, Peoria 15, Macomb 17, Lafayette 18, Clinton 19, St. Clair 24, Franklin 25, Hiram 26, Oriental 33, Barry 34, Herman 39, Olive Branch 38, Charleston 35, Bloomington 43, Caledonia 47, Cambridge 49, Carrollton 50, Jackson 53, Trio 57, Fraternal 58, Reclamation 54, Pittsfield 56, Jerusalem 62, St. John's 13, Mt. Joliet 42, Monmouth 37, Benevolent 52.

"They have also examined the returns of Unity Lodge No. 48, and find them correct. The dues of the Lodge were remitted by the Grand Lodge at its last annual communication.

"The returns of Griggsville Lodge No. 45 and Hardin No. 44, have been examined and found correct, and their dues are paid.

"The returns from Morning Star Lodge No. 30 are found to be correct. Accompanying these returns they find appended the following certificate accompanying the report:

"MORNING STAR LODGE No. 30, A., F. & A. MASONS, }
"CANTON, Ill., April 3, 1850. }

"This will certify that we have inclosed with the returns of this Lodge, on or about the 18th of September, 1849, thirty-eight dollars, and delivered the same to Mr. John Wham, for him to convey the said returns and money to Peoria, and directed the said package to William Mitchell, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of A., F. and A. Masons, Peoria,

"JOHN W. SHINN,

Secretary of Morning Star Lodge No. 30.

"CHARLES W. ROCKHOLD, W. M.

"The affidavit of Mr. John Wham also accompanied the above, which affidavit states that he delivered said letter to Wm. Mitchell, G. Secretary, on or about the 25th of September, 1849.

"The affairs of New Boston Lodge No. 59, at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, were referred to a special committee composed of the Masters of the three nearest Lodges, who were to report to the Grand Master as soon thereafter as practicable. The dues of the Lodge are paid. The committee would refer to the G. Master for any further information concerning this Lodge.

"The committee have also examined the returns of Macon Lodge, No. 8, Pekin No. 29, Belvidere No. 60, from which it appears they have received petitions and installed petitioners in less time than required by the regulations of this Grand Lodge. Their dues have been paid.

"The committee have also examined the returns of Kavanagh Lodge No. 36, for the years 1848-9, which they find correct. This Lodge made no returns for 1848-9. The committee can not say whether their dues have been paid or not.

"Your committee at the last session of the Grand Lodge recommended that inasmuch as petitions had been received by the subordinate Lodges in several instances, and the degrees conferred upon the applicants in less time than is required by this Grand Lodge; that hereafter no subordinate Lodge shall in any case of *emergency* whatever be permitted to receive petitions and initiate the petitioner until one lunar month shall have elapsed, unless by special dispensation obtained from the Grand Master for such purpose.

"The Committee on Returns of Lodges Under Charter have examined the return of Temple Lodge and find great irregularity in relation to balloting for candidates.

"We ask leave to read a portion of the minutes of Temple Lodge on the subject.

"Your committee offer for adoption the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, By this Grand Lodge, that Temple Lodge No. 46 is hereby forbidden the initiation of Michael Donlin.

"Z. P. CABANIS,
P. A. WHITAKER,
EDW'D FRASER."

The Committee on Lodges U. D. reported as follows:

"The Committee on Returns of Lodges U. D. at the last Grand Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, have examined the copies of such returns as have been submitted to them and respectfully report that these returns comprise those of Euclid Lodge, at Naperville; Knoxville Lodge, at Knoxville; Aca-cia Lodge, at LaSalle; Naples Lodge, at Naples; Eureka Lodge, at Camden Mills; Central Lodge, at Springfield; Chester Lodge, at Chester; Roscoe Lodge at Roscoe; Mount Nebo Lodge, at Carlinville; Union Lodge, at Little Fort; Scott Lodge, at Carlyle; Prairie Lodge, at Paris; to which charters were issued under their respective Nos. of 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 71, 72, 75, 76, 78, and 79.

"The work of Euclid Lodge in general has been correct, but in a few instances the degrees have been conferred to hastily.

"The work of Knoxville Lodge, Union Lodge, Chester Lodge, and Central Lodge has been correct.

"Naples and Roscoe Lodge had worked only under special dispensation.

"The following amount was paid by the following Lodges:

"No. 79 paid for dues \$9, for charter, \$7; No. 78 paid for dues \$14, for charter, \$7; No. 67 paid for dues \$4.50, for charter, \$7; No. 72 paid for dues \$7.50, for charter, \$7; No. 71 paid for dues \$8.50, for charter, \$7; No. 69 paid for dues \$8, for charter, \$7; No. 65 paid for dues \$10.50, for charter, \$7; No. 68 paid for dues \$4, for charter, \$7; No. 75 paid for dues \$5.50, for charter, \$7; No. 76 paid for dues \$11, for charter, \$7; No. 66 paid for dues \$11, for charter, \$7; Prairie, number not returned, \$27 for dispensation charter and fees.

"There were several other charters granted, from whom no returns have been sent up at this session. Two dispensations were continued, the names of which your committee do not recollect, all of which is respectfully submitted.

"H. DILLS.
ADAM BREWER,
LOUIS WATSON."

Shawneetown was selected as the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1850.

The following grand officers were then elected :

"M. W. William C. Hobbs, Grand Master; R. W. John H. Holton, D. G. M.; R. W. Joseph H. Ketchum, S. G. W.; R. W. Wm. E. Russell, J. G. W.; R. W. Wm. McMurtry, G. Treas.; R. W. Wm. Mitchell, G. Sec.; R. W. Rev. Braxton Parish, G. Chaplain; R. W. A. G. Caldwell, G. Orator; R. W. A. R. Stout, G. Tyler."

The following appointments were made :

"P. A. Whittaker, S. G. D.; Webb C. Quigley, J. G. D.; Clark B. Stebins, G. Pur.; Nathaniel English, G. Marshal; W. H. L. Wallace, G. Sw. B.; J. H. Luce, G. Lecturer; John E. Rearden and John T. Knox, G. Stewards."

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock P. M.

Two o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled and formed a procession, and proceeded to "City Hall," where the officers elect were installed, and an oration delivered by Bro. George Davis. The Grand Lodge returned to the lodge-room, and was called to labor.

Bro. Lavelly then delivered the following valedictory address on resigning the Chair to Grand Master Hobbs :

"MY BRETHREN—In relinquishing the chair to my successor, I can not forego the present opportunity of again offering my grateful acknowledgments for the many marks of your kindness and confidence.

"I have most deeply felt my own inadequacy to make suitable requital for your favors. The cup of my ambition has been filled to overflowing, and I greet with unfeigned satisfaction the brother of your choice, as one altogether worthy and fully qualified for the high station he now holds, and which I have felt myself more honored by than qualified for.

"You, MOST WORSHIPFUL, will please accept my cordial congratulations on your elevation to the highest honor of Masonry. You are now in this State the HEAD of the most ancient, benevolent, and distinguished society in the world; and I am rejoiced to see such authority deposited in such worthy hands, and feel well assured that no exertion will be spared on your part to realize the anticipations of your usefulness.

"Your duties I know to be the most arduous, but important and honorable stations always imply great labor, and require much industry and exertion. Your eye must now be vigilant in discerning any inroad in our ancient landmarks, and your arm must always be ready to protect the Institution against intestine convulsions and external hostilities. It is with pride that I now remember that you first received Masonic light within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge over which you now preside. But in surrendering to you the Chair, I can not surrender the honor I claim, and of which I am proud of having been the first (Masonically) *native born* Grand Master of this Grand Lodge. I, too, received my first instructions in the mystic art, through a subordinate of this Grand Lodge. May we both be ever mindful of our Masonic parentage, and ever reflect back upon its character, that lustre which we have derived from it."

The thanks of the Grand Lodge were tendered to Bro. Davis for his oration, and a copy requested for publication. After which the Grand Lodge was called off until Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor—present the same officers and members as on yesterday.

On motion of Bro. Lavelly, and on the recommendation of Macon Lodge No. 8,

Bro. Alexander Edmunds was restored to all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

Temperance Lodge No. 16 surrendered her charter, records, and jewels to the Grand Lodge, and, on motion, said charter, jewels, and records were ordered to be deposited with Springfield Lodge No. 4, subject to the call of the brethren of Vandalia, when they shall again organize a Lodge at that place.

On motion of Bro. Geo. Davis, a dispensation was granted Vitruvius Lodge.

The Committee on the New York difficulties presented the following report, which was accepted and the resolutions adopted:

"The Committee to which was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as related to the difficulties in the Grand Lodge of N. York, would submit the following report:

"There now exist in New York, three bodies claiming to be Grand Lodges, and as it is inconsistent with the spirit of Masonry, that more than one Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons should exercise jurisdiction within the limits of any State, it vitally concerns the Fraternity at large to inquire into the causes of the present anomalous state of things in the Empire State; and here the committee would remark that it is eminently proper to make the inquiry searching and thorough; for New York has hitherto maintained a controlling position towards her sister Grand Lodges. Did a trivial innovation find its way into the constitution of a Grand Lodge, New York was the first to condemn the wrong-doers; did any unfortunate conflict of opinion arise between the members of a Grand Lodge, which could but be settled among her own members, New York was the first to give prominence to the difficulty, and by making a 'mountain out of a mole hill,' produced discord and strife, where but for her officious inter-meddling, 'brotherly love would have prevailed.'

"When the fell spirit of demagogue anti-masonry swept like a tornado, over the northern and eastern portions of our Union, our brethren of Vermont, as faithful followers of the true lights of Masonry as the world ever saw, were compelled to yield, for a time, to the storm of malice, ignorance, and hatred. But with the 'lapse of time' this spirit gave place to a better feeling, and light was again seen in the East. The clouds of error and superstition that so long hovered over the Green Mountain State were rolled away, and the Masonic 'star that never sets,' was again visible in the eastern horizon. Thanks to an over ruling Providence and the moral courage of her noble-hearted craftsmen, that star now shines with an undimmed lustre, giving a pure and radiant light to the

votaries of Masonry, 'wheresoever dispersed' in our country. May she long continue as the 'bright particular star' in the Masonic constellation! It strikes your committee that the hand of friendship should have been extended to Vermont when she was emerging from her grievous troubles, that she was particularly entitled to that charity which is taught as one of the first lessons in Masonry. But what was the course of New York? The very first State that should have said to her younger sister 'I caused your troubles—I now sympathize with you—as Ruth said to Naomi, whither thou goest I go, your people shall be my people, your God my God!' But instead of this we find the language of abuse and denunciation. The last State to acknowledge the existence of a 'regularly constituted Grand Lodge' within the borders of Vermont. She says in that spirit to which we have already alluded, 'I am holier than thou!'

"Your committee think that when any Grand Lodge claims more 'wisdom' or 'strength' or 'beauty,' than her equals—when she attempts to put on airs of superiority that she does not possess, it behooves the Grand Lodges of other States to see whether the pretender is entitled to wear the 'blushing honors' that are so unblushingly claimed. We therefore proceed with the task. The following facts, from authentic sources, are submitted:

"A charter was granted to form a Grand Lodge in New York, from the Grand Lodge of England, on the 5th of September, 1781, the Duke of Athol being at the time Grand Master of the Lodge granting the charter. At the close of the Revolutionary war, all Provincial Grand Lodges were annulled, and an independent Lodge was formed by the brethren of New York. Under the new arrangement all went well until 1823, when difficulties arose which were not settled until 1827, at which time the troubled waves were calmed and the four following articles were agreed to:

"1st. That there ought to be but one Grand Lodge in the State of New York, and that it ought to be held in the city of New York, and be considered as the continuation of the old Grand Lodge: that all allusions to former difficulties be avoided as far as possible.

"2d. That the proceedings of the two bodies (known by the name of the Grand Lodge) shall be confirmed; and that warrants granted to subordinate Lodges by the two bodies, and the proceedings of said bodies, shall be deemed regular. That the records and archives of the Grand Lodge being in the city of New York, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer shall be chosen from the city of New York; and the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, shall be chosen from the city of New York—the other from the country; the two Wardens from some other part of the State than the city of New York.

"3d. That the permanent fund be managed by five trustees, viz.: the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the two Grand Wardens, and the Grand Secretary, whose duty it shall be to invest all funds over one thousand dollars, annually, after paying representatives, salaries, and rent.

"4th. That the number of Lodges which one Master, or Past Master may represent, shall not exceed 3; that Past Masters shall not be represented by proxy, and that representatives be paid as heretofore.'

"By a vote in 1844, the following preamble was attached to the foregoing:

"At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, on the 7th of June, 1847, 228 Lodges being represented, the following compact was adopted by unanimously, and is a fundamental law of the Grand Lodge, which can never be disturbed.'

"Under the charter of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the constitutions up to 1848, Past Masters were acknowledged as members of the Grand Lodge of New York. The Grand Lodge constitution provides for quarterly meetings, but the June meeting is the annual communication at which the grand officers are to be elected, and changes in the constitution made, provided the same shall have had 'the affirmative vote of the Grand Lodge at two successive June

meetings, unless in addition to the affirmative vote of the Grand Lodge at one June communication, it shall have received the affirmative vote of a majority within the jurisdiction.'

"In conformity to this regulation an amendment was proposed at the June meeting in 1848, taking from Past Masters, excepting the last who had passed the chair, the right to vote.

"This amendment was agreed to by the Grand Lodge and sent to the subordinates, and they concurred in the amendment by a large majority.

"In March, 1849, the quarterly communication was held in New York, at which it is not constitutional to propose or adopt any regulations to govern the Fraternity, and where but a few of the country Lodges are represented.

"The following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

"That it is not in the power of one portion of the members of the Grand Lodge to disfranchise another portion of its members.

"That the proposition offered at the last Annual Communication, to deprive Past Masters of their right to vote in the Grand Lodge, is unconstitutional and revolutionary, and that any action tending to its consummation, would be void and of no force or effect.

"That it was their unalterable determination to maintain the Union of 1827, whatever might be the action of the Lodges on the proposed amendment, by preserving the rights of Past Masters, as they exist under the said compact of Union.'

"The D. G. M. refused to put the question on the adoption of these resolutions, on the ground that it was 'unconstitutional for the Grand Lodge at its quarterly sessions to act on any measure which interested the whole body.' An appeal was taken and the decision reversed.

"The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge was commenced in New York, June 5th, 1849. The following statement of the disgraceful proceedings that occurred on the first day of the session, we copy from a report made to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts :

"On the 6th of June the leading rioters were expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry. The facts in relation to these tumultuous and disgraceful scenes are now before us, and it becomes necessary for the Masonic family of Illinois to make up their verdict. It becomes us, who have an equal right with other Grand Lodges, to place the seal of condemnation on the wrong doer, and support with dignity the character we now, as Masons sustain. We wish no evasions or equivocations, but desire that the position of the Grand Lodge of the Prairie State shall be fully defined—that he that runs may read.

"We therefore offer for adoption, the following resolutions :

"1st. That there ought to be but one Grand Lodge in the State of New York, and that it ought to be held in the city of New York, and be considered as the continuation of the old Grand Lodge: that all allusion to former difficulties be avoided as far as possible.'

"2d. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Illinois recognizes the Lodge over which M. W. John D. Willard presides, as the only regularly constituted Grand Lodge in the State of New York.

"3d. *Resolved*, That M. W. John D. Willard deserves the thanks of this Lodge for his firm, dignified and courteous conduct during the disgraceful and lawless scenes that were enacted in the Grand Lodge of New York on the 5th of June last."

On motion, it was resolved that the Grand Lodge now appropriate \$75 for a Grand Lecturer, to lecture the Lodges in this State south of Hillsboro.

Bro. English offered the following resolution which, under the by-laws, lays over until the next annual communication :

"*Resolved*, That the by-laws be so amended as to read: That this Grand Lodge shall be permanently located in.....State of Illinois."

On motion,

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be instructed to correspond with M. W. G. Master Willard, of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and obtain from him a list of the names and members of all Lodges adhering to and working under his jurisdiction, and that he furnish each subordinate Lodge in this State with a copy thereof as soon as practicable.

A memorial was received from Macomb Lodge No. 17, as follows, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Education :

"At a called communication of Macomb Lodge No. 17, on the 24th day of September, 1849, the following resolution was adopted by said Lodge :

"*Resolved*, That if the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois at the next annual communication shall determine to establish an institution of learning in this State, and the institution is a college, then and in that case, Macomb Lodge will donate to said Grand Lodge, the college building and grounds known as 'McDonough College,' on the conditions and terms proposed in the annexed printed circular.

"J. M. CAMPBELL, *Secretary pro tem*.

"MACOMB, April 1, 1850."

"WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois did, at their last annual communication, resolve forthwith to proceed to adopt suitable measures to obtain from the Craft and the public, such pecuniary aid as may be requisite for the establishment and endowment of an institution of learning in the State of Illinois, for the education of destitute orphans—male and female—of deceased brother Master Masons, and such others as the Grand Lodge may direct; which institution is to remain forever under the control and management of said Grand Lodge, and conducted upon the principles, customs, and constitutions of Ancient Freemasonry; and

"WHEREAS, In furtherance of said object, said Grand Lodge did appoint a committee to receive donations in money and property, and digest and arrange a plan for the accomplishment of the object aforesaid; and

"WHEREAS, This Lodge being desirous to aid and assist in carrying on so desirable an object, have purchased the building and ground owned and heretofore occupied as 'McDonough College,' being four acres of land on a high eminence adjoining the town of Macomb, on which is erected a good, substantial two-story brick house, sixty feet in length and forty in breadth—arranged in suitable rooms for college purposes, and originally designed to form a part of a commodious college edifice—Macomb being an inland town, is comparatively free from the vices and immoralities of large commercial places and river towns, which, connected with its healthy location, renders it, in our humble opinion, one of the most desirable situations in Illinois for such an institution; therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That we will donate to the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois the said land and building, on the condition that said Grand Lodge will permanently locate said institution of learning at Macomb, Illinois, to which the sons of the citizens of the county and town may be sent as pay pupils.

"*Resolved*, That should the Grand Lodge accept the aforesaid property upon the foregoing conditions, we will, without delay, proceed to repair said building in a good, substantial manner, without cost or charge to the Grand Lodge; be it further

"*Resolved*, That we earnestly request the aid, assistance, and co-operation of all our sister Lodges in the State, in obtaining the location of said institution of learning at Macomb, in pursuance to the foregoing propositions; and request that each of said Lodges fully investigate the claims of this place to such location, and to take the necessary action thereon before the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge; and we also request each of said Lodges to suggest to us any plan they may deem most expedient for the accomplishment of so great and laudable an undertaking as the establishment and endowment of such an institution.

"Resolved, That the Secretary forward a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to each Lodge in this State.

"I James M. Campbell, Secretary of Macomb Lodge No. 17, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a preamble and resolutions which were adopted by said Lodge at a meeting of the same, held on the first day of April, 1848, as appears from the records of said Lodge.

"J. M. CAMPBELL, *Secretary*.

"MACOMB, McDonough county, April 1, 1848."

A memorial was received from Franklin Lodge No. 25, as follows, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Education :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Illinois:

"The attention of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge has been, for several years past, directed to the devising of some judicious plan for the promotion of the cause of education within our bounds, having for its principal object the literary and moral improvement of the children of our indigent brethren Master Masons.

"As a free expression of opinion on this subject is understood to have been solicited from the subordinate Lodges, and as we believe in the good old proverb that, 'In the multitude of counsel there is safety,' we would respectfully make the following suggestions for your consideration :

"At the present time, we think it would be unwise to devote our energies and our funds to the building up of a college within the jurisdiction and under control of this Grand Lodge, for the following reasons, to-wit:

"1st. A very large amount of funds will be necessary to build up and endow a respectable college; and then a large annual expenditure will be absolutely required to gather up from all parts of the State, and sustain at the institution the indigent children of Master Masons.

"2d. The Grand Lodge of Missouri has already established a college at a very convenient distance, and we believe that *that* institution will meet all the calls for a Masonic collegiate education in Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, and other Western States.

"3d. Our means are, and for years to come will be, altogether inadequate to the undertaking, without assessing heavier taxes upon the Craft than they are able or willing to pay.

"Many other reasons could be given, but we deem the foregoing sufficient for the present occasion.

"It may be said that the M. W. Grand Lodge does not contemplate or wish to build up a college at present; that the attention of the brethren for the last two or three years has been more particularly directed to district schools of a high order, in preference to a college.

"But the same objections can be made to bear with almost equal force against such institutions as against a college; they are almost equally beyond the reach of that class which we profess to wish to educate. There is this difference in their favor, instead of one favored spot in the State, we should have two or three.

"We believe that a common school education is *the thing desired*; and that common schools, and they only, can accomplish the object at which we aim.

"To us, therefore, it seems a more judicious and wise plan, for each subordinate Lodge to establish common schools in their own neighborhood, and to be controlled entirely by said Lodge.

In doing so, they will, no doubt, in every instance, receive aid from citizens friendly to education, who are not members of the Fraternity.

Franklin Lodge No. 25 has made the experiment, and thus far has succeeded most admirably. We have an excellent school-room in the first story of our Masonic Hall, finished off, and furnished in a superior style, and is capable of accommodating nearly one hundred students; and in it we have had, for the last year, a most flourishing female school, where has been taught all the requisite branches of a female English education.

"Many of our good citizens have contributed towards building the house, and they encourage and patronize our school, and instead of wishing to participate in the management of said school (which has been tendered them) they have in public and formal manner declined, expressing the hope that the Lodge will never relinquish their immediate and absolute control of said school.

"We contemplate, ere long, establishing a male school of the same order, and upon the same principles.

"Brethren, we are willing that it shall be known (for it is true) that Franklin Lodge No. 25 is comparatively poor; but we believe and we endeavor to 'prove our faith by our works,' that persevering energy in a good cause, with judicious economy and God's blessing, will accomplish much with small means.

"The position taken by Franklin Lodge, and her efforts and success in the cause of common school education, has had a very extensive and most happy influence throughout this community in favor of our 'time honored Institution.'

"Strong and violent passions have been allayed, and the warmest sympathies enlisted in our favor, far beyond anything which has ever before occurred to our knowledge.

"Although that class of the rising generation who have special claims upon our charity, according to the benevolent principles of our Order, is believed to be not very numerous in our State, yet it is sufficiently so to demand our early attention. And we believe, also, that their claim upon us for education extends no further than what can be acquired at good common schools.

"If any have further claims upon us, discharge them by teaching these youths some of the mechanic arts, thereby making them operative Masons, like our forefathers, which will fit them to become useful citizens and enable them to climb the steep of life with honor to themselves and credit to our 'hallowed Institution.'

"There may be found, now and then, an exception to this general rule; if there be, should we discover some brilliant intellect, some aspiring youth, some poor boy of our fraternal kin, who is panting after glory in the higher regions of the intellectual being, let the benevolence of our more wealthy brethren echo to the call. Or let the Craft be called upon for help in this extraordinary case, and they will contribute liberally to send him over to the Masonic College in Missouri, or some other kindred institution.

"A large portion of the members of the Masonic Fraternity in this our young, but thriving State, are men in moderate circumstances—farmers, mechanics, and tradesmen of small capital, all 'good men and true,' but who literally 'earn their bread by the sweat of their brow.' And shall our brethren be required to contribute of their hard earned means, to give their neighbor's children a better education than they are able to give their own?

"The idea seems preposterous, and even to border on the ridiculous. How, brethren, can we view it in any other light? Shall we raise a large fund by arbitrary taxation, to build up a college or high school to educate the children of indigent Master Masons, when the children of those very persons who contrib-

ute this fund, in seven cases out of ten, can not reach beyond a very ordinary common school education?

"Are we not as Master Masons all equal? If we are, shall we not strive to give to all a good common school education, rather than an extended or classical one to a favored few?

"The inclination of the tide of mind in this model country of the world, is towards the intellectual cultivation of the 'sovereign people,' and public sentiment is flowing strongly and with a rapid impulse against colleges and high select schools, and in favor of a wide spread and liberal system of common schools.

"Colleges are more congenial to the spirit and principles of monarchical and aristocratical governments, where the power and the intelligence must of necessity be confined to the wealthy and titled few.

"But in this free and mighty republic, where the wealth and the power and the wisdom are, and of right ought to be, in the personal and peaceable possession of the moving multitude, their intellectual powers should be as equally cultivated as the nature of the human mind, and our control over its destinies, will permit.

"The plan of a school which has been recommended by some of our brethren, to-wit: to have attached to, and to be in part supported by, an agricultural department, has been advocated by many good and intelligent men for a long time.

"Many schools, combining most of the principles here proposed, have been established in various parts of our country, and have apparently prospered for a season; but it is believed that in every instance they eventually failed, and the plan relinquished as inapposite to the genius of our people.

"We do not wish to be understood as being altogether opposed to colleges and high schools, for we approve of them to the full extent of the wants of the country; but we do believe that there are now established and in progress, more such institutions than are needed, or can be sustained, and more than sufficient to classically educate all those who desire or have the means to acquire such an education.

"Our experience goes far to prove that every subordinate Lodge in the State of Illinois can, if they will try, establish and sustain a good common school within their own jurisdiction, and should the plan here suggested be favorably received, and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge recommend and encourage a general system of common school education by the subordinate Lodges, and should it be executed to the extent of our ability, the community at large, and those indigent children in particular, will hail this decision and effort of our Fraternity as a glorious epoch in the history of the progress of education in this State, and this M. W. Grand Lodge will, in all future time, be pointed to as having set an example worthy of all imitation; and it will be followed, to a greater or less extent, by every Grand Lodge in the United States.

"We have been charged with being supremely selfish in this matter; that we are aiming to grasp a large portion of the Grand Lodge funds; but this is unkind in those who make the charge. True it is, should any division of the funds take place, we would most cheerfully and thankfully receive any portion thereof which the wisdom of the Grand Lodge should award to us.

"And we feel some assurance that the personal sacrifices we have made and the good work we have accomplished the past year, will be received as a sufficient guarantee that any funds committed to our charge by the M. W. Grand Lodge for the purpose of education, will be faithfully and judiciously invested; but

we hereby declare that we would much more readily relinquish all our interest in the Grand Lodge funds, than to yield up this our favorite system of education.

"According to our light on Masonry, it is not consonant with the ancient constitutions for the Grand Lodge to burden the Craft with onerous taxes for extraordinary purposes, but only sufficient to meet their ordinary annual expenses, or at most, a small charity fund for the temporary relief of special cases of excess.

"In view of all these things, M. W. G. Master and brethren, we would offer the following resolutions for your consideration, and if approved, for adoption at your present communication.

"1st. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recommend to every subordinate Lodge in the State of Illinois, to establish within her own jurisdiction and under her own direction and control good common schools, primarily for the education of the children of indigent Master Masons. Said schools to be founded upon and governed by our broad and 'time-honored' Masonic principles. No party—no sect—peace and good will to all men—special favors to our indigent brethren, their widows and orphans.

"2d. *Resolved*, At the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge, all the funds then on hand, after the yearly expenses are paid, shall be divided between such subordinate Lodges as shall have permanently established such school or schools as are recommended in the first resolution, in proportion to their numerical strength; Master Masons only being numbered.

"3d. *Resolved*, Hereafter, no tax shall be levied upon those subordinate Lodges who shall have permanently established and sustain such schools as are recommended in the first resolution, for any purpose whatever, except for their portion of the yearly expenses of the Grand Lodge; and for this purpose each of such subordinate Lodges shall pay, yearly, to the Grand Lodge, at their annual communication, the sum of — cents for every Master Mason belonging to said Lodge, in lieu of what they are now required to pay.

"All of which is most respectfully submitted by Franklin Lodge No. 25, in session Sept., A. L. 5849.

(Copy) Signed

"D. M. KITTINGER, W. M.

"Attest: ELIAKIM THORP, *Secretary*."

"WHEREAS, The memorial and resolutions of Franklin Lodge No. 25, of Upper Alton, on the subject of education, have been laid before Piasa Lodge, for our consideration, and this Lodge being deeply impressed with the importance of the subject and necessity of immediate action thereon, therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That we fully concur in the sentiments expressed by said memorial and resolutions of Franklin Lodge No. 25, dated Sept. 1849; and this Lodge respectfully ask of them the privilege of joining with them in their petition to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

"*Resolved*, That although the committee of the Grand Lodge on education, have failed or neglected to present said subject to this Lodge for their action, yet this Lodge would, nevertheless, respectfully express their opinion in favor of local common schools, in the vicinity of, and under the immediate supervision of each Lodge, in preference to a college or high schools.

"Adopted Sept. 24. 1849.

"A true copy of the Record.

"Attest:

"JNO. N. BAILHACHE,

Secretary of Piasa Lodge."

On motion,

"*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of the Grand Lodge that either the Senior or Junior Warden of a Lodge may preside and confer the degrees in the absence of the Master, without regard to his having taken the degree of Past Master.

Bro. Hobbs, from the Committee on Education, made the following report, which was adopted:

"The Committee on Education, approved at the last communication of this Grand Lodge, ask leave most respectfully to report that, in their opinion, it is

inexpedient and impolitic in an eminent degree for the Grand Lodge of Illinois, at this time, to build, establish, endow, or support, any distinctive and specific literary institution whatever; that to do so, would in a great measure prevent the amiable object intended, and can not be otherwise than an unequal and inefficient distribution of the munificence of your most worshipful body.

"Your committee will yield to none, in their earnest and deep solicitude, to have the children of indigent and deceased brother Master Masons properly educated and supported—consequently nothing but a sense of imperative duty would impel them to report against any project intended to facilitate in the least this noble object.

"They beg, most respectfully, to present some few of the considerations which have induced their opinion.

"The fund now in the treasury of this Grand Lodge liable to such expenditure, is utterly insufficient to erect and permanently endow any respectable institution of learning, nor is it safe or consistent with the prudence and caution taught in the precepts and principles of our Order to legislate in this matter upon the faith and dependency of any fund, expected hereafter to accrue and applicable to this use by any legitimate action of this body. Such being the case, they are led to doubt either the *justice* or *policy* of our engaging in any enterprise which *we, at this time*, are unable to make absolutely independent of all future exigency; and which, though our premature and unconscious action, may entail upon our successors an oppressive and harrassing burthen to be sustained by them against their better judgment by the enactment of oppressive dues; or which will subject them to the humiliating mortification of suppressing a creation, so plausible on its exterior, and probably so laudable and excellent in the eyes of the unreflecting world.

"Such institutions, if established, must mainly depend upon *Masons* for their support. But little help from paying scholars without the boundaries of the Fraternity, can be relied on. For prejudice will be arrayed, in all its panoply, to oppose any institution begotten and attempted to be sustained by any secret association. Although in every city and hamlet in the land, secret acts of liberality and charity are spoken of, which might, and not unfrequently are, traced to these 'terrible combinations.' Yet this unnatural and astonishing opposition still exists! *and it will exist*, for ignorance is jealous of everything pretending to light, and *bigotry will bear no brother near the throne*.

"In the most of cases, the ordinary dues of a Mason, together with his usual and necessary expenditures for benevolent purposes, are fully as much as he can bear without injury to himself or family—an increased demand on his pecuniary abilities, except in emergencies to be remedied in no other way, will unquestionably redound to the injury of the Order.

"The conducting and sustaining of such schools would be the source of warm and zealous legislation in the Grand Lodge. This certainly is not to be denied. The peace, harmony, and continuity of any deliberative and law-enacting body, will be greatly secured by avoiding as much as possible complicated and exciting subjects of legislation; and though Freemasonry, from its laws and usages, is less liable than any other human institution to feuds and acrimony amongst its members, yet wisdom and prudence demand, even in this, that every avenue that might lead to disruption should be carefully and strongly guarded.

"Should the Grand Lodge determine to engage in the enterprise of establishing schools, it would be found necessary to multiply their number greatly beyond the highest proposition as yet made, to suit the convenience of the various

parts of this jurisdiction. Otherwise a large majority of the subordinate Lodges could not prudently avail themselves of the benevolence intended; for if one school only is established in each Supreme Judicial district, as the resolution of last session suggested, the Lodges in the remote parts of the district, from a motive of economy, would be prevented from attending the school. The cost of equipping and sending scholars such a distance, would be infinitely greater than the tuition would amount to in *sufficiently good* schools at home. At home! where the guardian care of those intimately intrusted in their welfare by the most endearing ties of friendship and of love will be thrown around them, to protect and assist them along the slippery and delusive paths of childhood and of youth—to rear them up and establish them as respectable citizens in the community, a credit to themselves and an honor to the Fraternity. It may reasonably be expected, therefore, that the Lodges so distant as to render such schools unavailable to them, will feel disinclined to pay extra dues to sustain them, especially such Lodges as have children to educate and protect at home.

“Admitting that such schools might be the wants of the Fraternity, a *fear* may be entertained that from a want of wise and prudent superintendents, or from some mal-administration in the management, they may become a reproach to the Order. Such things have been in apparently well established institutions, and may be apprehended in these. For the uninitiated will fix upon them a scrutinizing eye—ready to censure and denounce the least deviation from the strictest conventional rule—willing to catch at the minutest accidental obliquity as a pretext to defame and villify our venerable Institution.

“The establishment of such schools, moreover, would be naturally liable to the charge of ostentatious display for effect. The building up of public monuments to point out to the world Masonic charity, is opposed, in every feature, to true and unadulterated Masonic principle and precept. *‘Masonic charity is humble, secret, and unpretending. ‘It vaunteth not itself—is not puffed up.’ It diffuses itself noiselessly throughout the world, bringing joy to the broken-hearted, and life and hope to the disconsolate.’*

“It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath.”

“From these and many other considerations which will doubtless present themselves to the Grand Lodge, it would seem that by such establishments we have much to lose, and but little, if any, to gain.

“Your committee beg leave to suggest that, instead of erecting and establishing district schools as aforesaid, the subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction be recommended by this Grand Lodge to educate, in convenient schools, in which the English branches are taught, all the children within proper ages, of indigent and deceased brother Masons, whose individual means are not adequate to attain the same, and who reside within their said subordinate jurisdiction. Each Lodge to report under its seal to each annual communication of the Grand Lodge, the number of children so educated within the year, together with the time of their tuition; and that the regular charity fund annually received in the Grand Lodge, not otherwise necessarily appropriated, be distributed to the said Lodges educating children as aforesaid, in due and correct proportion—the amount to each Lodge to be determined by the aggregate and individual time of tuition to the said children so educated, during the Masonic year just then closed.

“The committee further recommend that our non-affiliated brethren be called upon by the several Lodges in whose jurisdiction they reside, to contribute not

less than one dollar annually to this interesting and laudable enterprise—to be expended by the Lodge so collecting, for purposes of education.

"Your committee have examined propositions and proposals, touching the subject of education, from several places—highly creditable to the proposers, but from the views presented herein, your committee do not deem it necessary to present in this report the said proposals for your consideration.

"They are herewith returned to be investigated and acted upon, should the Grand Lodge consider it expedient. All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

"JOS. C. KETCHUM,
JOHN H. HOLTON,
W. C. HOBBS,
GEORGE DAVIS."

On motion,

"Resolved, That all moneys collected from subordinate Lodges and non-affiliated Masons within their jurisdiction for educational purposes be returned to said subordinate Lodges, and by them appropriated to purposes of education within their respective jurisdictions."

On motion,

"Resolved, That every subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction be authorized to collect the sum of one dollar from each non-affiliated Master Mason within their respective jurisdiction, for educational purposes, by the Lodge collecting the same."

On motion of Bro. Cabanis,

"Resolved, That at each session of this Grand Lodge there shall be appointed a Committee on Credentials, whose duty it shall be to examine the credentials of the several representatives, and report to the Grand Secretary a list of those who are legally entitled to a voice in the Grand Lodge."

On motion,

"Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to the brethren of Chicago for the use of their hall during the present session."

Bro. Reynolds, from the committee on that portion of the Grand Master's address in relation to the physical prerequisites of candidates, reported the following resolution, which was adopted :

"Resolved, That subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction be required not to confer the degrees on any candidate, unless he be a perfect man, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art and being instructed in the degrees."

The Committee on Petitions and Grievances made the following report:

"The undersigned Committee on Petitions and Grievances, to whom was referred the papers in the case of St. John's Lodge No. 13, have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully beg leave to report, that although from the face of the papers, appearances are somewhat against the appellants, the Lodge is to blame for not giving the parties an opportunity to appear and answer in their defence the charges against them, as directed by the M. W. Grand Master, and since from the proceedings there appears to be considerable

prejudice against them in that Lodge; and that a full, fair, and impartial investigation be had in the case, we would recommend the appointment of three discreet members of this body to investigate the matter, and that they have power to re-instate the appellants to their former standing as Masons, if innocent; or to confirm the action of the Lodge, as in their deliberate judgment may seem best.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

"WM. McMURTRY,
N. ENGLISH,
M. J. NOYES."

Which report, on motion, was amended so as to refer the whole matter back to St. John's Lodge, with power to do and act in the matter as the committee recommended in the report.

On motion, it was

"Resolved, That the printing of the proceedings of this session be given to Bro. Pickett."

There being no further business, the Throne of Grace was addressed by R. W. G. Chaplain, and the M. W. G. Lodge closed in due form.

There appearing no further business before the Grand Lodge, after the reception of the reports and proceedings of the last annual session, it closed in due form and harmony.

After the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary received the following report:

"CHICAGO, October, A. L. 5849, A. D. 1849.

"To the M. W. G. Lodge of the State of Illinois:

"The committee to whom was referred 'The Masonic Text Book,' &c., by Bro. John Dove, G. S. of the M. W. G. L. of the State of Virginia, would beg leave respectfully to report that they have had the same under consideration, and have given to the work as much time as could be spared from more important duties to the Craft, though not as much as they could have wished.

"As the result of their examination your committee would state that in their opinion, there already existed previous to the publication of the work before them, a sufficient if not too great a number of works professing to be text-books of Masonry, and that the issue of a still greater number should be rather discountenanced than encouraged. A sufficient reason for this opinion is found in the fact, that to produce any thing differing from works of that kind now in use, would necessitate either a departure from established usage in the work of the Craft, or that additions should be made which could only be effected by publishing portions of the unwritten texts of our Order. That either would be objectionable and contrary to our ancient landmarks, no good Mason will deny.

"The committee can not pronounce the work before them free from either of these objections. Every intelligent Mason will discover the objectionable passages without difficulty. The instances are not numerous, but where they do not occur the matter contained may in general be found, with but few exceptions, in other works with which the Craft are already familiar. They would recommend the work, however, as a good methodical compilation of useful knowledge worthy of perusal and convenient for reference.

"From the above considerations, while they would give to Bro. Dove the merit which is due, they can not perceive that the claims of his work are sufficient to authorize them to recommend its adoption as a text book in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge (as seems to be desired), to the exclusion of other works which have received the commendation of, and are already familiar to the Craft.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"Z. P. CABANIS,
J. V. Z. BLANEY."

CHAPTER XXV.

1850.

GRAND LODGE.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Eleventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was held at Shawneetown, commencing Monday, Oct. 7, 1850. Owing to the meeting in April and the distance to Shawneetown, the attendance was small. There were present the following grand officers:

"William C. Hobbs, G. Master; John T. Lindsay, S. G. W.; Jas. W. Keyes, J. G. W., *p. t.*; William McMurtry, G. Treas.; W. B. Warren, G. Sec.; Rev. Braxton Parrish, Chap.; A. G. Caldwell, G. Orator; Warren A. Reed, G. S. D., *p. t.*; Thos. S. Roe, G. J. D., *p. t.*; Chas. W. Chatterton, G. Pur., *p. t.*; W. W. Bennett, G. Marshall, *p. t.*; Downing Baugh, G. S. Bearer, *p. t.*; E. R. Roe, P. D. G. M.

"REPRESENTATIVES.

"No. 1, Warren A. Reed, S. W. No. 3, E. R. Roe, proxy W. M. No. 4, J. W. Keys, W. M. No. 9, James L. Anderson, W. M. No. 14, A. R. Stout, S. W. No. 15, T. J. Pickett, W. M. No. 17, W. S. Hale, proxy for W. M. No. 24, C. G. Y. Taylor, proxy for W. M. No. 26, Wm. McMurtry, proxy for W. M. No. 27, T. Souther, proxy for W. M. No. 31, Downing Baugh, W. M. No. 43, W. C. Hobbs, proxy for W. M. No. 50, Cyrus A. Davis, S. W. No. 51, McKenzie Turner, J. W. No. 56, R. W. Scanland, W. M. No. 64, S. K. Casey, W. M. No. 68, Thomas Hollowbush, W. M. No. 71, Chas. W. Chatterton, proxy for W. M. No. 72, Thos. S. Roe, proxy for W. M.; A. Block, proxy J. W. No. 76, W. McLaughlin, proxy for W. M. No. 77, Jonathan Young, S. W.

"VISITING BRETHREN.

"No. 14, Adam Baker, Jno. Kirkpatrick, Milton Bartley, C. Gard. No. 64, Wm. Maddocks. Daniel McCook, late of 122, Carrollton, Ohio; T. J. Melvin, 86, Social, Indiana.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and, the reading of the minutes being dispensed with, the Grand Master delivered his address, which was an able, powerful, and *very* lengthy document.

He congratulated the brethren on their being permitted to again assemble around "that sacred altar, erected to Him who 'sitteth in the East forever,'" and upon the fact that the pestilence had left the jurisdiction of Illinois comparatively uninvaded. He contrasted the condition of the Grand Lodge in 1850 with that of 1840, showing the vast increase both in number of members and Lodges. The number of Lodges in 1850, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, was lacking but three to make it equal to the number of *members* in 1849. He reported the Craft, with but one exception, in a state of peace and brotherly love. The exception was New York, where "Phillips, Herring, and Co." still reigned. The loss of the archives of the Grand Lodge—the convening of the extra communication—the great amount of work performed thereat—the labor devolving upon him on account of the loss of the proceedings of 1849, and the complaint made by a few discontented brethren regarding the calling and convening of the extra communication—are touched upon in words well chosen, and well calculated to restore peace and harmony and ease the troubled minds of such as imagined they had reason to be disturbed.

Dispensations were reported as granted for new Lodges at Salem, Geneseo, Pinckneyville, Mt. Pulaski, Toulon, Galesburg, Metamora, Carthage, Aurora, Marion, Metropolis, Middleport (Iroquois Co.), Freeport, Jerseyville, Whitehall, Clinton, Princeton, and Kaskaskia.

New Boston, No. 59, which had been suspended at the annual session of 1849, was, upon due confession of error, set to work on February 22, 1850. He also authorized Temple Lodge No. 46, which was laboring under a like disability, to resume work. He reported the granting of many dispensations to confer degrees; recommended the publication of the laws, rules, and edicts as an appendix to the proceedings; called attention to the abuse of the matter of demits, declaring it to be wrong for a brother to demit from a Lodge when he had no intention to remove from the jurisdiction of the Lodge or to join another; denominates a non-affiliate a "backslider, and an unfruitful *half* brother." He closes this portion of his address as follows:

"Some, no doubt, request and obtain demits, impelled by motives of parsimony and penuriousness, alone, to avoid the payment of the small dues exacted by the Lodges. It is natural that such should withdraw. No soulless man *can* be a Mason.

"Others demit from feelings of absolute inertia, and nothing else—they are too lazy to do their duty."

He thus remarks upon the ballot:

"In consequence of the contradictory opinions entertained by the members of the subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, as to the meaning and import of a resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at its annual communication for 1847, to-wit:

“‘Resolved, That the resolution in Grand Lodge proceedings of 1845 (page 13 of printed minutes) be rescinded, and that subordinate Lodges be required to ballot for candidates in every degree.’

I consider it my duty to lay the said resolution before you at this session, either to be rescinded or explained by another resolution, so that the true meaning and intention of it may be definitely understood. The resolution referred to is certainly ambiguous. I have been called upon many times within the past year to give my opinion on its import. The question has invariably been, ‘whether the ballot for the second and third degrees was intended to decide upon the Masonic proficiency, or upon the *moral* eligibility of the candidate.’ From the circumstances surrounding the resolution of ‘47, my opinion has been and is, that the intention of the mover of the resolution, and most probably the opinion of the Grand Lodge then was, that the object of the call in each of the degrees was to decide upon the moral eligibility of the candidate for advancement. Though this appeared to me to be the meaning of said resolution, and though I instructed the Lodges that such appeared to be the law, and consequently must be obeyed, yet, I think this construction of usage dangerously erroneous and eminently unmasonic. I am clearly of the opinion that one ballot entitles the candidate to the three degrees. I will take the liberty of presenting, in a very brief manner, a few of the reasons which, I think, sustain my opinion.

“When a man petitions a Lodge in the first instance, he states ‘that having long entertained a favorable opinion of your ancient Institution, he is desirous, if found worthy, of being admitted a *member thereof*.’ He does not specifically petition to become an Entered Apprentice alone, but to become a *member* of the Fraternity. He knows little or nothing about the different degrees; his object is to become entitled to the *rights, lights, and privileges* of the Order. His petition is referred to a committee whose duty it is to carefully inquire into the moral, physical, and intellectual capabilities of the applicant—to decide upon his eligibility to receive not only the Entered Apprentice’s degree, but all the degrees within the jurisdiction of the Lodge he petitions.

“Should the report of the committee be favorable and the ballot clear in the first instance, the privileges of the three degrees are guaranteed to him, should his *future* conduct and improvement warrant his advancement.

“When an applicant is received, it is tacitly understood by every member, that full and rigid examination has, or should have been made, respecting his moral character and his other necessary qualifications to become a Mason, otherwise the appointment of a committee of investigation is silly and unnecessary. According to the laws and usages of Masonry throughout its extent, an interdict is placed upon the reception of a candidate by ballot in a less time than one lunar month after his petition is referred; this is to give time for full investigation. No such interdict prevails respecting the time for conferring the second and third degrees, nor is it necessary. You will remember that the only question touching eligibility, which is legally propounded upon the admission of a candidate into either of the degrees after the first is, ‘Has he made suitable proficiency to warrant his request for advancement.’ For, it will also be remembered, that after having received the first degree, he is no longer a petitioner for Masonry, but only for Masonic advancement—he is already introduced within the veil of Masonic mystery—he *no* longer belongs to the ranks of uninitiated. After receiving the first degree, he is no longer responsible to Masonic discipline for any offense committed previous to his initiation, unless it be for

an offense committed in the preliminary parts of the ceremony. At the time he *stands as a just and upright Mason*, he receives absolution for all the antecedent offenses—full, clear, and irrevocable absolution so far as Masonry has right, power, or control over him. Such being the case, he *then begins* to learn and receive those first instructions whereon to build his *future* moral and Masonic edifice.

“Should an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft be guilty of unmasonic conduct after his *initiation*, no one will deny the right of dealing with him agreeably to the laws and usages of the Order. He is liable to reproof, suspension, or even expulsion, as the wisdom and justice of his *peers* may determine. But if no charge for offense committed since he entered upon the ground floor can be sustained against him, the only question which can properly arise upon his application for advancement, is upon his suitable proficiency or Masonic knowledge in the previous degrees. As this application is not made by a new, written petition, which, by any law, must be referred to a committee of investigation, the Lodge may decide upon his proficiency as it may determine, or as the by-laws of the individual Lodge may set forth.

“I am well apprised that isolated cases may and do occur, which render this view of the subject unpleasant and hard to be borne—but nevertheless to check in his progress, or to debar a newly made brother from his regular advancement for antecedent obliquity, can not result in the honor or profit to the Fraternity, but in a vast majority of cases must redound to its injury and discredit. We thereby cast out again into the world a bitter and enduring enemy to the Order—and to all similar institutions intended for the benefit of men in this world. We cast him from us, and thereby excite his evil and malignant spirit, if he has such. We crush, probably, his first impulse towards reformation, and extinguish, probably, the last spark of moral pride remaining in his nature. Whereas, should we cluster around the guilty unfortunate by brotherly love, pure example and Masonic teaching, show him the glorious beauties of our precepts and our practices, as contrasted with the cold and selfish customs of the outer world, we may lead him from the path of ruin into the ways of truth and virtue.

“Masonry professes to be a moral and benevolent institution, having for its great objects the relief of the indigent and distressed, and the elevating and ennobling of the minds of its votaries. It professes to teach men to act upon the square, to circumscribe their desires, and keep their passions within due bounds. *It professes the power of reformation*—to be able by its teachings and usages to enlighten, decorate, and polish the uncultivated and benighted. Such being the case, is it not the paramount duty of every Mason to be zealous in reclaiming the apostate from the dominion of evil, and establish him within the halo of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice?

“I would not be understood by any of my remarks on the subject last referred to, to give countenance to the passing or raising a brother until his proficiency *fully* authorizes his advancement. I greatly lament that so little attention is manifested in the Lodges to the instruction and examination of candidates for advancement. It is impossible to realize and feel the beauty and excellency of the succeeding, without being thoroughly enlightened upon the preceding degree or degrees. The want of a proper education in the former degrees makes the *light* of the succeeding dim and shadowy, and robs it of its glory and of its sublime effect—all is tame and profitless—consequently, enduring and vital evils result by such inattention and precipitancy, not only to the newly made Mason, but also to the Institution of Masonry at large.”

The following in regard to rejections :

"A practice or law prevails in this jurisdiction, as well as in many of our sister Grand Lodges, that a rejected candidate is debarred from re-petitioning, until after the expiration of twelve months. This usage frequently acts oppressively, and is in principle contrary to that justice which should characterize every action of Masonry. The interdict should cease, so soon as the disability or disqualification of the rejected applicant shall have been removed. I, myself, once voted against the admission of a candidate under an utterly wrong conception of circumstances, which I thought at the time I fully and clearly understood. In less than a week I became thoroughly convinced of my mistake, and deeply lamented the injustice I had unwittingly been the cause of. Yet the law, as understood, allowed of no redress.

"I know that it will be difficult to change this usage, without appearing to infringe upon the inalienable and inestimable right of an unquestioned ballot, and I am well apprised that it will require more than ordinary care to frame any law which will mitigate the hardness of the present law, as understood, without furnishing opportunity for dangerous abuse. Yet, I think, the dispassionate wisdom of this Grand Lodge is fully adequate to the task; and I think as confidently, that my brethren of this body will shrink from no duty which is calculated in the least to display mercy and justice.

I would, therefore, most respectfully suggest that a rule or law be adopted authorizing a Lodge to receive a petition from a rejected candidate, at any time, when it shall be made manifest to said Lodge that the supposed disqualification did not in reality exist, or had ceased to exist; and when the member or members who had black-balled the candidate had become fully satisfied and willing to admit him.

"This law should also positively provide that no action whatever should be taken in the case until due and timely notice had been given to each and every member of the Lodge, if possible, and particularly to each member who was present at the time of the previous rejection, setting forth in a distinct and unmistakable manner, the business to be considered, and the time and place of meeting. It would be well, also, that the motion to receive the new petition should be made, if possible, by one who had previously opposed the reception of the applicant.

The employment by the Grand Lodge of a Grand Lecturer, to visit the Lodges and set them to work in a proper manner, was strongly urged.

The removal of Vitruvius Lodge, from Dutchman's Point to Wheeling, was reported, a few words of advice given, and the address was referred to Breth. Anderson (9), Pickett (15), Roe (14), Hibbard (27), and Taylor (24).

The following committees were then appointed:

On Credentials.—Breth. G. Secretary (3), Bennett (31), Anderson (9).

On Examining Visiting Brethren.—Breth. McLaughlin (76), Souther (27), and Bennett (31).

On Chartered Lodges.—Anderson (9), Hollowbush (58), and Keyes (4).

On Lodges U. D.—Breth. Hibbard (27), Hale (17), and Davis (50).

On Petitions and Grievances.—Breth. E. R. Roe (14), Taylor (24), and McMurtry (26).

On Finance and Accounts.—Breth. Bennett (31), Scanland (56), and Reed (1).

The report on correspondence was short, and contains nothing of interest at the present day. The proceedings of the several grand lodges were not placed in the hands of the committee in time to prepare a good report.

After the reading of this report, the Grand Lodge was “*adjourned*” to 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. The use of the word “*adjourned*,” in the record, is evidently a mistake, as the Grand Lodge had declared the principle of adjournment of Lodges wrong, and forbidden the practice.

The Committee on Lodges U. D. recommended the granting of charters to Whitehall Lodge, as Whitehall Lodge No. 80; to Vitruvius Lodge, as Vitruvius Lodge No. 81; to Metamora Lodge, as Metamora Lodge No. 82; to Iroquois Lodge, as Iroquois Lodge No. 83; to Hancock Lodge, as Hancock Lodge No. 20; to DeWitt Lodge, as DeWitt Lodge No. 84; to Mitchell Lodge, as Mitchell Lodge No. 85; to Kaskaskia Lodge, as Kaskaskia Lodge No. 86; to Mt. Pulaski Lodge, as Mt. Pulaski Lodge No. 87.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

“Your committee have examined the account of Bro. E. R. Roe, finding it correct, would recommend its payment to the amount of \$182. Oct. 8, 1850.

October 7, 1850.

“Upon examination we find per receipts of the Grand Treasurer that the Grand Secretary has received and paid to him the sum of.....\$970 60
Amount paid by the Grand Treasurer as per vouchers\$643 24
Balance on hand Grand Lodge fund\$1,239 37½
Balance on Charity fund.....\$1,058 65

“W. W. BENNETT, }
R. W. SCANLAND, } Committee.”
W. A. REED.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported as follows:

“The Committee on Petitions and Grievances have had under consideration such cases as were presented to them, and beg leave to report as follows:

“In the case of E. J. Nicholson, presented to the committee by Warren Lodge No. 14, they find that E. J. Nicholson had been by said Lodge expelled from all of the rights and privileges of Masonry; and that said Lodge having become satisfied that said Nicholson was improperly expelled, they, by unanimous vote ask leave to reinstate him in Masonry, and his membership in said Lodge.

“Your committee therefore recommend the following resolution:

“*Resolved*, That E. J. Nicholson be restored to the privileges of Masonry, and that Warren Lodge No. 14 be authorized to restore him to full membership.

“Your committee have examined an appeal in the case of Joseph P. Dennis, who had been indefinitely suspended by Temple Lodge No. 46, for unmasonic conduct; and they find nothing illegal or irregular in the action of said Lodge; they, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

“*Resolved*, That the action of Temple Lodge No. 46, suspending Joseph P. Dennis, was regular and legal, and that the same be confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

"In the case of Dr. J. B. Rogers, sent up by a member of Rushville Lodge No. 9,—while this committee expresses no opinion in relation to the guilt or innocence of said Rogers, they are satisfied from the testimony before them that the action of Rushville Lodge in the case has been regular.

"E. R. ROE,
J. McMURTRY,
C. G. Y. TAYLOR."

The charter fee of Kaskaskia Lodge was remitted.

The Committee on the Address reported as follows:

"The committee to whom was referred the address of the M. W. Grand Master, respectfully report that they have taken that very able and valuable paper into careful consideration, and that they commend the same to the earnest attention of the Grand Lodge. With most of the sentiments contained in that address, your committee most heartily concur; and they are satisfied their influence will tend to the good of Masonry.

"On the subject of reprinting the by-laws and all binding resolutions of the Grand Lodge in one body, we are satisfied that in no other way can they all be brought properly before the subordinate Lodges. Not only is it a laborious task to hunt them up through the various publications of the Grand Lodge over which they are distributed, but the want of even these sources on the part of many of the Lodges, makes this itself impossible. In accordance, therefore, with the recommendation of the Grand Master, we propose the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to collect and publish as an appendix to the annual proceedings, all of the laws, by-laws, and binding resolutions of the Grand Lodge.

"On the subject of demits, it is our opinion that the following resolution, which is now in force, is a sufficient regulation on that subject:

"*Resolved*, As the opinion of this M. W. Grand Lodge, that it is contrary to and inconsistent with the ancient usages and precepts of our Order to withdraw from a subordinate Lodge without some good cause, or to reside in the neighborhood of a subordinate Lodge without becoming a member thereof. [1842.]

"We have carefully considered that portion of the Grand Master's Address which relates to the necessity of a separate ballot for each of the three degrees; and propose the following:

"*Resolved*, That the standing resolution which requires a unanimous ballot for each of the three degrees, should be understood literally; and that it should be the same in each, and unanimous in all; upon the moral, intellectual, and Masonic qualifications of the applicant.

"On the question of re-balloting for rejected candidates for the honors and privileges of Masonry, we are of opinion that the provision which requires that they should wait one year before re-petitioning is a necessary and appropriate one, and should be continued.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"E. R. ROE,
T. J. PICKETT,
J. L. ANDERSON,
C. G. Y. TAYLOR,
ELIAS HIBBARD."

Amendments to the by-laws were offered—by Bro. Taylor (24), as follows:

"*Resolved*, By the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois that after the permanent location the annual communication shall be held on the 4th Monday in May;"

and Bro. Hibbard (27):

"*Resolved*, That the 3d Section of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Illinois be so amended as to read as follows, to-wit:

"Sec. 34. No member shall be eligible to the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior or Junior Warden, unless he shall have passed the chair in some regular Lodge."

A dispensation for a Lodge at Keithsburg was ordered to issue without fee. The Committee on Chartered Lodges reported the returns of Nos. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 15, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 33, 38, 50, 54, 55, 56, 64, 66, 68, 71, 75, 76, 77, 78, correct. No. 39 had initiated a candidate in less than one month, and No. 65 had disposed of a petition, after report thereon, without ballot.

Charters were granted Rockton No. 74, Havana No. 88, Fellowship No. 89, and Jerusalem Temple No. 90.

The following grand officers were then elected:

"M. W. C. G. Y. Taylor, of Belleville, G. M.; R. W. T. J. Pickett, of Peoria, D. G. M.; R. W. W. W. Bennett, of Mt. Vernon, S. G. W.; R. W. D. C. McNeill, of Cambridge, J. G. W.; R. W. W. B. Warren, of Jacksonville, G. S.; R. W. Wm. McMurtry, of Henderson, G. T.; R. W. J. T. Lindsay, of Peoria, G. O.; R. W. and Rev. T. J. Worthington, of Jacksonville, G. C.; R. W. M. McNamara, of Springfield, G. Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was then permanently located, by the following vote: First ballot—Jacksonville, 12; Peoria, 8; Springfield, 7; Alton, 5. Second ballot—Jacksonville, 10; Peoria, 8; Springfield, 8; Alton, 2. Third ballot—Jacksonville, 12; Peoria, 7; Springfield, 9; Alton, 5. Fourth ballot—Jacksonville, 15; Peoria, 8; Springfield, 7; Alton, 4. Fifth ballot—Jacksonville, 14; Peoria, 6; Springfield, 9; Alton, 3. Sixth ballot—Jacksonville, 15; Peoria, 1; Springfield, 17; Alton, 0. Springfield having a majority of the votes cast, was chosen as the place for the permanent location of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. Scanland:

"*Resolved*, That hereafter, whenever a member of a subordinate Lodge removes permanently out of the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, without demitting, that said subordinate Lodge shall not be required to pay dues for said member."

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 7½ o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge being again called to labor, the following appointments were announced:

"P. A. Whittaker, of Rock Island, G. S. D.; A. R. Stout, of Shawneetown, G. J. D.; R. W. Scanland, of Pittsfield, G. P.; J. W. Keyes and P. A. Dorwin, of Springfield, G. Stewards; — Hotchkiss, of Nashville, G. M.; J. M. Scott, of Bloomington, G. S. B.

After the installation, the Grand Lodge was called off until Wednesday, 8 o'clock A. M.

Upon the call to labor on Wednesday morning, the Committee on Lodges U. D. recommended the granting of charters to Metropolis Lodge as No. 92, Stewart Lodge as No. 93, Toulon Lodge as No. 94, Morning Sun Lodge as No. 95, and Perry Lodge as No. 96.

On motion of Bro. Lindsay,

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge politely request our worthy Bro. Wm. C. Hobbs, Past Grand Master of this Lodge, to make out an account of the amount of his expenses in attending this session, and present the same to the Grand Secretary, and this Lodge empower the Grand Secretary to draw an order in favor of Bro. Wm. C. Hobbs upon the Grand Secretary for the amount of said expenses."

On motion of Bro. Scanland,

"Resolved, That it is not in the power of a majority of the members of a subordinate Lodge to surrender the charter of said Lodge, so long as seven Master Masons, members thereof, continue to work under said charter, and according to the ancient landmarks of Masonry."

On motion of Bro. Scanland,

"Resolved, That the old established Masonic law, that there is no appeal from the decision of a Worshipful Master of a subordinate Lodge, except to the Grand Lodge, is a salutary law, and should be cheerfully conformed to by subordinate Lodges."

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

"The Committee of Finance beg leave to report that they have examined an account of the M. W. Grand Master Hobbs, for postage and printing, amounting to \$21.76. Also an account of the Grand Secretary for postage and stationery, amounting to \$11.60, and recommend the payment.

W. W. BENNETT,
R. W. SCANLAND,
WARREN A. REID."

Breth. Souther and Chatterton were added to the Committee on Petitions and Grievances.

On motion of Bro. Bennett,

"Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to divide this State into three Grand Districts, and that he appoint a Grand Lecturer from each district, whose duty it shall be to visit each subordinate Lodge during the Masonic year, and instruct said Lodges in the Work and Lectures."

On motion of Bro. Hobbs,

"Resolved, That the Grand Lecturers who shall hold conferences together and agree upon the Work and Lectures of the three degrees shall receive from this Grand Lodge remuneration for services performed, and the said Grand Lecturers shall return a faithful account of all moneys paid to them by the subordinate Lodges for lecturing, which said sum shall be taken into consideration as a part, or full liquidation for their services upon a settlement with the Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge to pay all deficiencies, provided the balance due to the three shall not exceed the sum of \$300."

Bro. Anderson offered the following, which was lost:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the Grand Lodge that the subordinate Lodges under her jurisdiction are not expected or required to pay Grand Lodge dues for such of their members whose circumstances are too indigent to justify the subordinate Lodge in requiring or enforcing the payment of dues."

The Grand Tyler was allowed \$2.50 per day.

On motion of Bro. Hobbs,

"Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to transmit to the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence a copy of the proceedings of each sister Grand Lodge received in the Grand Secretary's office, as soon after the same shall be received by said Grand Secretary as practicable."

On motion of Bro. Hobbs,

"Resolved, That in consequence of certain difficulties reported to exist by Bro. C. F. Wurt, a Past Master of Jerusalem Lodge No. 62, between the said Jerusalem Lodge No. 62 and Samuel H. Davis Lodge U. D., three members be appointed a committee to examine into the alleged difficulties existing between said Lodges, and report the particulars of the same, together with their opinions, to the M. W. Grand Master, who is hereby requested to take such action thereon as his wisdom may suggest."

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master announced as said committee, Breth. Amos, of Roscoe Lodge; Hatch, of Rockton Lodge; and Reynolds, of Cambridge Lodge.

On motion of Bro. Bennett,

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that no member of a Lodge U. D. has a right to vote in his Lodge except those mentioned in the dispensation."

On motion of Bro. Stout,

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that no election for officers should take place in a Lodge U. D., but that all vacancies should be filled by temporary appointments by the W. Master."

Dispensations were ordered to issue for Lodges at Lebanon, Winchester, and Jonesboro, upon the petitioners producing the recommendations of the nearest Lodges.

On motion of Bro. Hobbs,

*"Resolved, That a committee of instruction, to consist of five, be appointed at each grand communication of this Grand Lodge, simultaneously with the standing committees, whose duty shall be to hold regular meetings on each day of the said session, during such hours as may be established by the Grand Lodge; to rehearse and teach the work and lectures of the three degrees under the jurisdiction of this body. The Grand Lecturer or Grand Lecturers, if any, shall be *ex-officio* members of this committee."*

The Grand Lodge was then called off.

ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges reported the returns of Nos. 43, 46, 57 28 for 1849 and 1850 49, 17, and 47, were correct.

The initiations during the year were 459, and the membership 1,572. No returns had been received from Nos. 7, 13, 29, 30, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45, 52, 53, 58, 60, 61, 62, and 63.

On motion of Bro. Roe,

"Resolved, That the new Constitution of the Grand Lodge herewith printed, shall, from and after the first Monday in October, 1851, be the Supreme law of this Grand Lodge."

Bro. Hibbard offered the following, which was laid over one year :

"Resolved, That all non-affiliated Master Masons who refuse to contribute to the support of the Institution, unless prevented by disability, do, by so doing, forfeit all the rights, privileges, and benefits of the Order."

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 7 o'clock, at which time it again assembled and was called to labor.

The Grand Secretary was allowed \$150 and his expenses attending the session.

On motion of Bro. Lindsay,

"Resolved unanimously, That this Lodge hereby express their sincere and heartfelt gratitude to our worthy Bro. Wm. C. Hobbs, Past Worshipful Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, for the deep interest he has so signally manifested for the preservation and advancement of our Masonic principles and Masonic virtues, by industriously guarding well the portals of the Grand Lodge and the subordinates from the encroachment of error and innovation—and the only testimony we can offer of our regard, respect, and admiration for him, is by stating that his course has ever been marked with moderation, wisdom, and true Masonic charity."

On motion of Bro. Keyes,

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the brethren of Warren Lodge for their kindness and attention during its present session."

Bro. Warren moved to amend the by-laws by striking out Springfield and inserting Peoria—which was laid over one year.

The report of the Grand Treasurer was presented, as follows :

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WM. McMURTRY, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, as follows:*

1849.	Dr.
Oct. 3. By amount on hand at this date.....	\$1,047 97½
Feb. 1850. By amount received from Mt. Vernon Lodge, (Dues of of 1849.)	7 50
Oct. 7, " By amount received from Grand Secretary.....	618 80
'Total Grand Lodge funds	\$1,674 27½

1849.	CONTRA.	Cr.
Oct. 4. Order No. 2, Wm. Lavelly.....		\$12 62
" " 3, "		10 00
" " 4, J. Doley.....		4 12
" " 5 or 6, N. Christy.....		10 00
" " 5 or 6, Wm. Mitchell, G. S.		150 00
" " 7, Thomas J. Pickett		100 00
April 25, 1850, E. R. Roe.....		100 00
" " Thomas J. Pickett		15 75
" " Wm. Lavelly.....		20 25
" " Stout		7 50
" " McNamarra		5 00

Total paid out..... \$435 24

Amount to balance \$1,239 03½

GRAND CHARITY FUND.

Oct. 3, 1849. By amount on hand	\$901 35
" " By interest from Bro. Chatterton	6 00
Oct. 7, 1850. By amount received from Grand Secretary.....	351 80
Feb. 7, " By dues from Mt. Vernon Lodge (1849)	7 50

Total Grand Charity Funds.....\$1,266 65

CONTRA.

Oct. 4, 1849. Order No. 1, Lewis Swift.....	\$8 00
" " By amount loaned Bro. Chatterton.....	100 00
April 10, 1849. Order to widow Raney	100 00

Total paid out..... \$208 00

Amount to balance 1,058 65

\$1,266 65

I, William McMurtry, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, do hereby certify the foregoing report to be correct, as per record.

Given under my hand, this 8th day of October, 1850.

WILLIAM McMURTRY, G. T.

The report of the Grand Secretary was presented, and is as follows:

WM. B. WARREN, *Grand Secretary,**In account with the Grand Lodge of Illinois:*

April, '50. Cash Hardin Lodge....	\$17 00		
April, '50. Cash of Cass Lodge....	18 60		
" " N. Boston " 	5 00	No. 72 Chester.....	10 00
" " St. Clair " 	12 00	No. 73 Batavia.....	9 00
" " Bro. Pickett.....	92 00	No. 76 Mt. Nebo	8 50
Oct. 7.		No. 77 Prairie	20 00
No. 1 Bodley.....	20 50	U. D. Stewart, for Dispensation...	15 00
No. 3 Harmony.....	25 00	" Mitchell, Dis. and dues.....	22 00
No. 4 Springfield.....	26 00	" Pulaski " " 	25 00
No. 9 Rushville.....	30 00	" Toulon " " 	15 00
No. 14 Warren.....	13 00	" Alpha " " 	15 00
No. 15 Peoria.....	18 00	" Metamora " " 	21 50
No. 17 Macomb.....	19 50	" Hancock " " 	23 00
No. 18 Lafayette.....	42 00	" Jerusalem Temple " 	15 00
No. 19 Clinton.....	18 00	" Fellowship " " 	15 00
No. 24 St. Clair.....	12 00	" Metropolis " " 	15 00
No. 26 Hiram.....	10 50	" Iroquois " " 	24 50
No. 27 Piasa.....	21 00	" Excelsior " " 	15 00
No. 31 Mt. Vernon.....	13 00	" Whitehall " " 	22 00
No. 33 Oriental.....	23 00	" Morning Sun " " 	15 00
No. 38 Olive Branch.....	18 00	" De Witt " " 	28 00
No. 39 Herman.....	9 50	" Bureau " " 	15 00
No. 43 Bloomington.....	15 00	" Kaskaskia " " 	15 00
No. 48 Unity.....	14 00	" Vitruvius dues & charter..	14 00
No. 50 Carrollton.....	14 50		
No. 51 Mount Moriah.....	11 50		\$957 60
No. 54 Reclamation.....	6 50	Received of Grand Secretary	
No. 55 Washington.....	8 50	the above amount of nine hundred	
No. 56 Pittsfield.....	12 00	and fifty-seven dollars sixty	
No. 59 New Boston.....	5 00	cents.	
No. 64 Benton.....	12 00	Oct. 7th, 1850. Also.....	13 00
No. 66 Knoxville.....	11 00		\$970 60
No. 68 Naples.....	8 00		
No. 71 Central.....	10 00	WM. McMURTRY, <i>G. Treas.</i>	

Cash received by the Grand Secretary since the settlement with committee.

No. 2 Equality.....	\$ 5 00	No. 47 Caledonia	14 00
No. 13 St. John's.....	11 00	No. 49 Cambridge.....	11 50
No. 25 Franklin.....	35 00	No. 57 Trio.....	16 00
No. 28 Monroe.....	20 50	No. 61 Lacon.....	15 00
No. 29 Pekin.....	18 00	No. 69 Eureka.....	10 00
No. 34 Barry.....	20 00	" Havana.....	17 00
No. 37 Monmouth.....	15 00	" Perry.....	15 50
No. 40 Occidental.....	31 00		
No. 46 Temple.....	24 00		\$278 60

BODLEY LODGE NO. 1.—QUINCY.

Raisings: J. Delemater, March 18; J. G. Orr, April 15; William Kelly, Sept. 19; A. E. Draine, Sept. 27; Francis Boman, Dec. 3.

Jan. 7, the officers elected Dec. 26, 1849, were installed, as were also the following appointed officers: A. W. Blakesley, S. D.; H. L. Simmens, J. D.; W. C. S. Smith, Steward and Tyler. The installation was conducted by Deputy Grand Master J. H. Holton. On the 4th day of April, 1850, the Lodge buried the remains of Bro. H. S. Cockey. Sept. 24, the following was passed:

"WHEREAS, The published proceedings of the special session of the Grand Lodge have just reached us, being five months after said session, and eleven months after the session whose transactions are intended to be reported; and

"WHEREAS, Said extra session was rendered necessary by a similar delay, and the subordinate Lodges put to much inconvenience and expense on that account.

"Resolved, therefore, That our representative to the G. L. be advised to use his endeavors to have the proceedings of the Grand Lodge published from day to day, as they occur, so that the Lodges may be enabled to know the transactions of the Grand Lodge on the return of the representative, and that for the purpose of economy in the published proceedings, the names of members, &c., usually contained in an appendix, be omitted.

"Resolved, That the constitution and by-laws reported by a committee and published in the proceedings of 1848, be approved by the Lodge, and that the Secretary be instructed to report this action to the Grand Secretary.

"Resolved, That this Lodge is in favor of the permanent location of the Grand Lodge, and that our representative be authorized to vote for such place as in his judgment shall appear most desirable;

"AND WHEREAS, In 1847, Bodley Lodge did request an investigation into the condition of the finances of the Grand Lodge, which by the committee was 'deemed impracticable on account of the lapse of time, the frequent changes of officers, and the confused condition of the books and papers;'

"AND WHEREAS, There is no financial report in the printed proceedings just received, and there is danger of like *impracticability* after a lapse of time, and a like *confusion of books and papers*;

"Therefore, Resolved, That our representative be advised to procure a full report of the finances of the Grand Lodge, including all receipts and disbursements since 1848."

Dec. 26, the following officers were elected, appointed, and installed: John Crockett, W. M.; J. H. Luce, S. W.; A. W. Blakesley, J. W.; Q. S. Barton, Treas.; G. P. Heberling, Sec.; Harrison Dills, S. D.; A. E. Drain, J. D.; T. Monroe, Steward and Tyler.

EQUALITY LODGE NO. 2.—EQUALITY.

This Lodge did no work during 1850, nor is there anything of importance to transcribe excepting the election, which took place Dec. 27, and resulted as follows: Edward Holeman, W. M.; John L. Campbell, S. W.; Joseph E. Watkins, J. W.; William Siddall, Treas.; W. H. Crawford, Sec.; John Howard and John M. Burnett, Deacons; John L. Cummings, Tyler.

HARMONY LODGE NO. 3.—JACKSONVILLE.

The records of this Lodge in our possession close with 1849. From the return, we are unable to ascertain definitely how many brethren were raised, the return for 1850 having been destroyed in the fire at Peoria. From the return of 1851, we find that one raising is reported as having been made in 1850, viz.: D. Hosford, Oct. 8.

The officers for 1850 were: "W. W. Happy, W. M.; W. S. Hurst, S. W.; N. English, J. W.; W. N. Ross, Treas.; R. T. Megowan, Sec.; P. Coffman, S. D.; I. K. Skeen, J. D.; C. W. McLain, Tyler."

SPRINGFIELD LODGE NO. 4.—SPRINGFIELD.

The following raisings were had in 1850: John T. Briseo, Jan. 21; Wm. Mathews, March 25.

Dec. 27, the following officers were elected: James H. Matheny, W. M.; Grover Ayres, S. W.; D. Wickersham, J. W.; William Lavelly, Treas.; A. R. Robinson, Sec.; E. M. Henkle, Chaplain; Balsar Hiki, Tyler.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 7.—DIXON.

Raisings.—Champion Fuller, May 15; A. R. Whitney, May 29; James P. Dixon, June 5.

June 20, the following officers were elected: Horace Preston, W. M.; Champion Fuller, S. W.; James P. Dixon, J. W.; Lorenzo Wood, Treas.; John V. Eustace, Sec.; R. B. Loveland, S. D.; LeGrand B. Wynkoop, J. D.; D. B. McKenny and Abram Brown, Stewards; James Campbell, Chap.; Alanson Smith, Tyler.

June 27, these officers were installed. This is the last meeting in 1850 that appears of record, the next meeting recorded being March 13th, 1851.

MACON LODGE NO. 8.—DECATUR.

The following named brethren were raised by No. 8 during 1850: J. Sinclair, Jan. 5; Henry Beach, May 5; William Cantrill, May 25; S. T. Trowbridge, June 24; B. H. Cassell, July 8; S. K. Thompson, Aug. 3; John P. Post, Aug. 17; A. Foreman, Aug. 21; J. W. Koehler, Sept. 2; J. F. Taylor, Sept. 21.

Feb. 23, Bro. Armstrong resigned as Master, and at the same meeting Bro. C. H. Pringle was elected his successor. March 15, a petition for a new Lodge at Clinton was recommended. July 20, Bro. W. W. Oglesby, the Secretary, tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and B. H. Cassell elected as his successor.

Nov. 20, the following officers were elected: Charles H. Pringle, W. M.; W. J. Condell, S. W.; George Goodman, J. W.; James King, Treas.; B. H. Cassell, Sec.; D. E. Ralls, Tyler.

RUSHVILLE LODGE NO. 9.—RUSHVILLE.

We are unable to extend any information regarding this Lodge for 1850, beyond the list of the officers who served the Lodge for that year. They were as follows: James L. Anderson, W. M.; Martin L. Read, S. W.; W. M. Murphy, J. W.; James Z. Parrott, Sec.; John B. Seeley, Treas.; John Putnam, S. D.; N. B. Seeley, J. D.; Thomas Smathers, Tyler.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 13.—PERU.

This Lodge made no returns to the Grand Lodge for 1850, and as we have no records of the Lodge for that year, we are unable to present any information in relation to it.

WARREN LODGE NO. 14.—SHAWNEETOWN.

The third degree was not conferred by this Lodge during 1850.

On the 27th Dec. the following officers were elected: T. G. S. Herod, W. M.; W. A. Redman, S. W.; John T. Knox, J. W.; Peter Baker, Treas.; Theo. S. Hazen, Sec.; James H. Hart, S. D.; A. R. Stout, J. D.

PEORIA LODGE NO. 15.—PEORIA.

The records of this Lodge for 1850 are not in our possession. The only information we are able to impart is the list of officers for 1850, which were as here given: Thos. J. Pickett, W. M.; Charles R. Hall, S. W.; John U. Hitchcock, J. W.; Peter Sweat, Treas.; Wm. E. Baine, S. D.; Washington Corrington, J. D.; Wm. Widenham, Tyler.

MACOMB LODGE NO. 17.—MACOMB.

The raisings by this Lodge during 1850 were: A. J. Griffith, Feb. 15; John Bowman and James D. Eads, May 4; L. T. Farris, May 20; C. Gillihan, June 3; James P. Head, Aug. 1; James H. Bacon, Aug. 6; David Lawson, Aug. 9; A. Hendrixon, Aug. 19; C. C. Lewis, Dec. 6.

June 5, the Lodge assembled to make arrangements for the burial of Bro. Maxwell, but no record of such burial appears.

The following officers were elected June 24: Thomas A. Brooking, W. M.; J. L. N. Hall, S. W.; G. S. Taylor, J. W.; James E. Wyne, Treas.; James M. Campbell, Sec.; G. L. Farwell, Tyler. Breth. R. H. Broadus and A. W. Lewis were appointed Deacons.

July 8, the Lodge met to make arrangements for the burial of Bro. Thos. Brooking, but there is no record to indicate that such a burial was had.

LAFAYETTE LODGE NO. 18.—CHICAGO.

We have but little information concerning No. 18, for 1850:

Geo. S. Thurber was raised Dec. 17, which is the only raising of which we have any knowledge.

The officers were J. C. Miller, W. M.; Philip Newbergh, S. W.; R. E. Goodrich, J. W.; H. W. Bigelow, Treas.; I. P. Hatfield, Sec.; George Cowper, S. D.; Wm. McMillan, J. D.; Martin Dodge and H. R. Taylor, Stewards; John Daly, Tyler.

CLINTON LODGE NO. 19.—PETERSBURG.

Raisings.—Anno Ritter and F. M. White, Oct. 12, 1850.

Officers.—Samuel Smith, W. M.; B. D. McAfee, S. W.; A. J. Brooks, J. W.; G. U. Miles, Treas.; John Bennett, Sec.; Samuel Black, S. D.; A. D. Wright, J. D.; Jacob Stein, Tyler.

HANCOCK LODGE NO. 20.—CARTHAGE.

This Lodge was granted a dispensation during the year 1849, and at the October session was granted a charter as No. 20, taking the number of the old Lodge at the same place, which surrendered its charter in 1849.

The officers under charter were: Alex. Sympson, W. M.; Eli H. Williams, S. W.; David E. Head, J. W.

CASS LODGE NO. 23.—BEARDSTOWN.

As we have no records of this Lodge for 1850, and as it made no returns for that year, we can not extend any information concerning the same.

ST. CLAIR LODGE NO. 24.—BELLEVILLE.

The raisings by this Lodge during 1850 were as follows: L. H. Oatman, Jan. 9; M. Cohn, March 2; E. W. Dill, March 5; A. B. Sublet, April 3; F. D. Balcour, April 19; J. A. Roman, Sept. 21; W. W. Roman, Oct. 23.

Oct. 23, a petition for a new Lodge at Lebanon was recommended.

Dec. 11, the following officers were elected: N. Healy, W. M.; L. D. Cabanne, S. W.; E. W. Dill, J. W.; J. Mace, Treas.; C. Theill, Sec.; J. C. Foster and J. C. Balcour, Deacons; W. W. Roman, Marshal; T. Hinckley, Tyler.

FRANKLIN LODGE NO. 25.—UPPER ALTON.

Officers.—D. M. Kittinger, W. M.; John S. Fisher, S. W.; Geo. R. Stocker, J. W.; Geo. Lebold, Treas.; Eliakim Thorp, Sec.; John B. Smith, S. D.; John C. Griffith, J. D.; Thomas Starks, Steward; H. G. Hibbard, Tyler.

Raised.—Woodward J. Moody, H. G. Hibbard, David Settlemeir, Lewis W. Moore, Daniel Steward, Jacob Judy, R. Kimball, Stanton Hazard, D. M. Highfill, William Elwell, E. M. Hazard, Michael Lowe, Egbert Dodge, Thos. W. Jones.

HIRAM LODGE NO. 26.—HENDERSON.

One brother was raised by this Lodge during the year, viz.: Ransom Clark, Sept. 24.

Feb. 1, the following officers were elected: E. V. Cooper, W. M.; J. M. Witt, S. W.; C. Clark, J. W.; S. G. Dean, Treas.; J. Henderson, Sec.; Rev. — Talbot, Chaplain.

PIASA LODGE NO. 27.—ALTON.

The following raisings by this Lodge appear of record: Frank Colanberg and David Gillespie, Feb. 26; Henry Heart, April 5; — Jett,

May 4; M. M. Dutro, Feb. 6; William A. Patrick, July 16; S. E. Lesure, Sept. 5; E. L. Baker, Nov. 26.

A petition for a new Lodge at Jerseyville was recommended, March 26.

July 2, Bro. B. C. Snyder, the Master of the Lodge, was buried with the honors of Masonry.

July 23, Bro. Thomas Brown was elected W. M., to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. Snyder. Bro. Brown's election having vacated the office of S. W., Bro. B. F. Sargeant was elected to the office. This caused another vacancy, Bro. S. being J. W., when Bro. Charles Skillman was elected to that station.

Dec. 17, the following officers were elected: B. F. Sargeant, W. M.; Charles Skillman, S. W.; L. S. Metcalfe, J. W.; John Booth, Sec.; J. L. Blair, Treas.; Charles Carpenter, Tyler. The following appointments were made: M. M. Dutro and E. L. Baker, Deacons; S. Y. McMasters, Chaplain.

Dec. 27, these officers and those of No. 25 were publicly installed, after which a supper was partaken of.

MONROE LODGE NO. 28.—WATERLOO.

This Lodge did not confer the third degree, during the year 1850, as far as is shown by the records.

April 28th, a committee was appointed "to visit the widow of Brother J. M. Wooters, deceased, and assure her of the sympathy and condolence of the Lodge with her in her painful bereavement." This is the only record of the death of the brother mentioned.

July 26, the following officers were elected: John Colman, W. M.; Bradley Rust, S. W.; Jeremiah Colman, J. W.; I. M. Moore, Treas.; Daniel Converse, Sec.; Cortez Crocker and Charles Howard, Deacons; John A. Reid, Tyler.

PEKIN LODGE NO. 29.—PEKIN.

Raised.—Daniel Childs, Jan. 5; T. M. Claudas and David Sequin, Jan. 26; A. Brown and Joseph Elliott, Feb. 6; J. N. Blood, March 30; Lewis Troub, April 6; C. Clauser and — Jones, April 20; A. E. Burns, May 18; William Johns and T. L. Fitch, Aug. 3; F. P. Wright and S. P. Higginson, Aug. 24; Richard T. Gill, Nov. 2.

Jan. 5, thirteen brethren were fined for non-attendance. In the record of Feb. 6, we are informed that the candidates for the third degree "were introduced and the first section conferred on them jointly," the remainder being "exhibited to them severally."

On the 1st of June the following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year: Middleton Tackaberry, W. M.; William Wilkey, S. W.;

William Kriegar, J. W.; C. Clauser,¹ Treas.; B. Bailey, Sec.; A. Brown, Chaplain; Wm. Snyder, Tyler.

MORNING STAR LODGE NO. 30.—CANTON.

The records of this Lodge for 1850 are not in our possession. The returns for 1850 show the following list of officers: J. B. E. Albright, W. M.; David M. Smith, S. W.; Joseph C. Williams, J. W.; Henry Clark, Treas.; John W. Shinn, Sec.; Joseph Warders, Tyler.

Raised—Isaiah Dubers, June 18; Lemuel B. Hopkins, Sept. 3; Dan'l Prevett, Sept 4.

MT. VERNON LODGE NO. 31.—MT. VERNON.

Raised.—John W. Greatham, June 17; Finney D. Preston, June 19; John R. Palmer, Oct. 5; Jos. Atcheson, Oct. 14.

June 21, the following officers were elected: Downing Baugh, W. M.; W. J. Stephenson, S. W.; C. T. Pace, J. W.; George Mills, Treas.; F. D. Preston, Sec.; W. H. Lynch, Tyler. The following appointments were made: W. W. Bennett and W. B. Harrison, Deacons; — McBride and J. H. Watson, Stewards.

ORIENTAL LODGE NO. 33.—CHICAGO.

The following named brethren received the third degree at the hands of No. 33 during 1850, viz.: Buckner S. Morris, Feb. 1; L. J. Germain, Feb. 15.

At the communication of March 15, the Lodge passed a resolution instructing its delegates to use their "utmost endeavors to influence the Grand Lodge in favor of a General Grand Lodge." June 7, a committee was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the Lodge in regard to the death of Bro. B. F. Christy. There appears no record of his burial.

Dec. 20, officers as follows were elected: Carlton Drake, W. M.; W. Z. F. Fleshman, S. W.; W. H. Adams, J. W.; Wm. B. Ring, Treas.; J. Keen, Jr., Sec.; J. V. Kelly, S. D.; D. Spangler, J. D.; Geo. Davis, J. V. Z. Blaney, and B. S. Morris, Stewards; J. Daily, Tyler.

BARRY LODGE NO. 34.—BARRY.

Officers.—George Wike, W. M.; Lewis Angles, S. W.; A. B. Leggett, J. W.; Josiah Lippencott, Treas.; John Watson, Sec.; John P. Grubb, S. D.; John W. Lippencott, J. D.; James L. Terry, S. and Tyler.

Raised.—C. W. McGregor, Thomas A. Gorton and P. M. Parker, April 20; Dempsey Skinner, March 29; Moses Samuel, William C. Handling, and Hugh Barker, March 23; Strother Grigsby, Aug. 17; William Gamage, Sept. 21.

CHARLESTON LODGE NO. 35.—CHARLESTON.

Raised.—James Hart, April 23; E. Howell, March —; E. B. Hawkins, June 24.

June 24, the following officers were elected: W. B. Mills, W. M.; T. R. Hutchinson, S. W.; J. F. Parcells, J. W.; W. Horr, S. D.; R. S. Mills, J. D.; J. J. Brown, Sec.; J. R. Jeffries, Treas.

KAVANAUGH LODGE NO. 36.—ELIZABETH.

The following raisings were had by this Lodge during 1850: David Rees, Feb. 10; John Sterritt, Feb. 27; E. E. Marsh, May 1; J. H. Marshall, July 20.

No record appears of an election of officers during this year.

MONMOUTH LODGE NO. 37.—MONMOUTH.

This Lodge added the following members to the membership of the Fraternity in Illinois, during 1850: Reuben C. Wilson, Jan. 22; William W. Stillwagon, March 2; John C. Bond, John W. Nance, and James D. Smith, March 26; Charles R. Hume, April 9; E. A. Paine, July 23.

Upon the records of this Lodge we find the only record of Grand Master Hobbs encyclical letter issued Jan. 1, 1850. As encyclical letters are a novelty in this jurisdiction, but two, we believe, having ever been published, of which this is the first, we present it entire:

"To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of Monmouth Lodge No. 37:

"*WORSHIPFUL AND BRETHREN*—When I had the honor to be elected to the high and responsible position I occupy, I determined to call on the several Lodges within our jurisdiction, every three months, for the statement of the members initiated since the commencement of the present Masonic year of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, together with the general state, condition, and prospects of each individual Lodge.

"This day brings to a close the first quarter of the year.

"I avail myself of this opportunity to congratulate you upon the unprecedented prosperity of our venerated Institution throughout this jurisdiction, so far as I have been able to gain information. Several new Lodges have been added to our care since October last, which, from the worth and reputation of the petitioners, promise to be bright and useful ornaments to the Order.

"Freemasonry is established on so strong a foundation, and is so supported by *wisdom, strength, and beauty*, that prosperity can not be otherwise than certain; provided the Brotherhood are true to their trust, and faithful to their obligations, ever bearing in mind their well defined duty to their God, their country, their neighbor, and themselves. Having the moral application of the *square, level, and plumb* deeply engraven upon their hearts; and so acting in *all things*, that "other men" will feel constrained and zealous to join in diffusing its beautiful principles and merciful effects over the whole world.

"The prosperity of each Lodge will mainly depend upon its own individual management. A strict and wholesome code of by-laws, and an undeviating ad-

herence to their requirements, will insure peace and harmony within yourselves, and, generally, respectability abroad. Attend rigidly to the pecuniary condition of your Lodge. Avoid unnecessary expenditures and *keep out of debt*. This last recommendation is vitally important. A desire for numerical strength frequently beguiles a Lodge into the admission of improper persons—*guard well your door*. Let not the pavement of your sanctuary resound under the footfall of the unworthy. Attend strictly to the keeping up of your stated meetings—a failure in this duty is highly reprehensible, and can hardly be atoned for. Avoid the conferring of degrees too hastily. Work hurriedly done is never well done. Remember the poor and needy, the orphan and the widow. Masonry, without active and undying charity, is “as sounding brass and as a tinkling cymbal.” Bear with the imperfections and weakness of a brother. Remember that “to err is human,” to reclaim, almost divine; but let not your mercy or forbearance extend so far as to be detrimental to the credit, honor, and purity of the Order. *Be brothers*, according to the true Masonic sense of the term, amongst whom no contention will arise “except that noble contention or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree.” Then will success crown your efforts—peace and happiness be your reward, and your organization will be “a light shining in the darkness, and be seen afar off.”

“I have confidence, Worshipful and brethren, to believe that you will bear with me in the foregoing brief recommendations and remarks. They are given from an honest heart, and I know they will be kindly received by the warm-hearted and the true.

“You will do me the favor to request your Secretary to furnish me, under your authority, with the statement alluded to in the commencement of this communication.

“Accept assurances of my profound respect and fraternal regard.

“W. C. HOBBS,
Grand Master G. L. of Illinois.”

Bro. Hume was raised without an examination, by virtue of a special dispensation granted *two years previously*.

June 24, the annual election was held, resulting in the election of Richard D. Hammond, as W. M.; Henry McAdams, S. W.; Henry A. McCartney, J. W.; Jamison Leeper, Treas.; Charles K. Smith, Sec.; Geo. W. Palmer, S. D.; Reuben Wilson, J. D.; Benoni Merrifield, Tyler.

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE NO. 38.—DANVILLE.

Raised.—William Willson and Thomas Gundy, Jan. 1; William B. Bailey, Jan. 14; James Sandusky, Feb. 19; Samuel Huffman, March 19; Otho E. D. Culbertson, May 6; Isaac A. Simpson, June 19; Wm. D. Robinson, Samuel Eakin, and Charles W. Baily, Oct. 1; Jacob Alshuler, Dec. 3.

Officers.—Oliver L. Davis, W. M.; John W. Myers, S. W.; Reason Honton, J. W.; Thomas S. Morgan, Treas.; John H. Sconce, Sec.; Martin Mondy, S. D.; James Sconce, J. D.; Isaac S. Cotton and James Sconce, Stewards; Peleg Spencer, Tyler.

HERMAN LODGE NO. 39.—QUINCY.

Raised.—Job Valentine, April 23.

Officers.—John Steinagel, W. M.; Casper Ruff, J. W.; Richard Keis, Treas.; Robert Voeth, Sec.; Henry Grim, S. D.; W. Webber, J. D.; Henry Woebcken, Tyler. There appears no Senior Warden on the return.

OCCIDENTAL LODGE NO. 40.—OTTAWA.

But one brother was raised by No. 40 in the year 1850, viz.: Philo Lindley, Dec. 23.

The officers for 1850 were: John D. Caton, W. M.; Geo. H. Norris, S. W.; F. Mandlebaum, J. W.; William Reddick, Treas.; H. Beach, Sec.; P. P. Heath, S. D.; G. L. Thompson, J. D.; J. M. Quimby, Tyler.

MT. JOLIET LODGE NO. 42.—JOLIET.

Raised.—Willard Wood, Jan. 11; Reuben W. Smith and Henry C. Northam, March 7; Oscar F. Rogers, March 21; Isaac N. Buck, April 4; Francis W. Whitmore, June 20; John Harwood, Aug. 22.

Officers.—Thomas J. Wade, W. M.; Neison D. Elwood, S. W.; Benjamin Richardson, J. W.; Thomas J. Kinne, Treas.; Uri Osgood, Sec.; Flavivus J. Briggs, S. D.; James T. McDougall, J. D.; Abijah Cagwin, Wm. McClure, and John J. Flack, Stewards; Joel George, Tyler.

Died.—John Davis.

BLOOMINGTON LODGE NO. 43.—BLOOMINGTON.

The raisings by this Lodge during 1850 were as follows: Samuel Stern, Feb. 22; Jacob Freind, May 24; A. Govenough, July 20; Asahel Gridley, Aug. 16; W. J. Newman and John M. Scott, Sept. 19.

The officers elected at the annual election were: M. C. Baker, W. M.; S. B. Brown, S. W.; Elijah Depew, J. W.; James Miller, Treas.; John Foster, Sec.; Goodman Ferre, S. D.; Thomas Magee, J. D.; Lewis Bunn, Tyler.

HARDIN LODGE NO. 44.—MT. STERLING.

The raisings for 1850 by this Lodge were: Eli Dennis, March 15; William E. O'Rhea, March 16; H. A. Morris, March 20; Samuel Alexander, March 22; D. J. Sanatt, March 26; H. A. Bates, March 29; L. W. Miller, —; J. W. Singleton, May 30; Andrew Taylor, Aug. 20; D. J. Surratt and Alex. Taylor, Dec. 17.

Jan. 16, the Lodge buried the remains of Bro. G. B. Orr. Feb. 22, it was voted that any brother exposing his ballot should be censured. The same evening a number of rejections having occurred, it was resolved that any brother having a friend rejected might "vindicate his cause."

Dec. 13, the following officers were elected: John Taylor, W. M.; J. M. Adams, S. W.; A. L. Sweet, J. W.; H. A. Bates, Treas.; J. M. Kendrick, Sec.; J. C. Mosser, S. D.; J. C. Hedenberg, J. D.; J. L. McKasson, Tyler.

GRIGGSVILLE LODGE NO. 45.—GRIGGSVILLE.

Raised.—Jesse Seniff, Jan. 12; Asabel Duff, May 4.

Officers.—William Kinman, W. M.; William B. Scholl, S. W.; Francis Kinman, J. W.; J. D. Battles, Treas.; James A. Kenny, Sec.; Nathan Phillips, S. D.; George Lytle, J. D.; James Watson, Tyler.

TEMPLE LODGE NO. 46.—PEORIA.

The raisings reported by this Lodge during 1850 were: Thomas L. Davis, Feb. 14; Zenas N. Hotchkiss, Feb. 16; John J. Campbell, March 2; Thomas L. Chamberlain, March 6; D. D. Snyder, March 9; E. N. Powell, May 31; P. M. Comeys, June 1; William M. Dodge, Aug. 10; Isaac Moore, Aug. 31; G. Rosenfeld, Nov. 6; John Waugh and James Milliken, Nov. 13; H. A. Frederick, Dec. 11; William S. Loomis, Dec. 18.

The officers were John C. Heyl, W. M.; John T. Lindsay, S. W.; D. Stevison, J. W.; Thomas L. Davis, Treas.; N. S. Tucker, Sec.; Jonathan S. Fancher, S. D.; David Rodecker, J. D.; William Widenham, Tyler.

CALEDONIA LODGE NO. 47.—NORTH CALEDONIA.

Raised.—John C. Byrd and Robert Beard, Feb. 4; Mathew Joiner, March 26; Linsey Peeler and Cyrus G. Steers, April 26; James M. Gore, May 23; D. D. Mattice, July 18; S. F. Rano, July 26; William Harluson, Sept. 19; Charles D. Arter and Isaac Lynch, Dec. 12.

The officers for 1850 were: James M. Davidge, W. M.; Joseph Street, S. W.; Henry D. Riddle, J. W.; D. D. Mattice, Chaplain; Absalom Youngblood, Treas.; James M. Gore, Sec.; D. D. Arter, S. D.; Hiram Boren, J. D.; Jas. M. Hall, Steward and Tyler.

UNITY LODGE NO. 48.—ST. CHARLES.

The raisings by this Lodge were eleven in number, as follows: G. G. Stevens, Jan. 7; O. Millington, Jan. 14; John F. Wright, Jan. 21; P. A. Fennerty, Jan. 28; Francis Weldon, March 4; L. M. Blaisdell, March 18; Leonard Howard, May 13; A. M. Herrington, June 3; Hiram Brown, June 17; O. Everts, July 22; G. E. Corwin, Sept. 9.

The officers were: B. B. Payne, W. M.; S. S. Jones, S. W.; William Rounseville, J. W.; T. P. Mattison, Treas.; A. H. Baird, Sec.; E. H. Jacques, S. D.; Charles Hopkins, J. D.; J. Morlett and G. W. Renwick, Stewards; William D. Baird, Tyler.

CAMBRIDGE LODGE NO. 49.—CAMBRIDGE.

Officers.—D. C. McNeil, W. M.; Joseph C. Millen, S. W.; Stephen Palmer, J. W.; Henry Cooper, Treas.; Augustus C. Ong, Sec.; David Norton, S. D.; Levi Leander J. D.; William S. Charles and L. S. Cady, Stewards; M. B. Potter, Auditor; Daniel Osmer, Tyler.

Raised.—John Root, Jan. 24; D. J. Kinkead and James C. Graham, Jan. 21; Barclay Hinchman, Dec. 12.

John Root was expelled on the 13th of May following his raising, for the killing of Eric Jansen, the head and front of the Bishop Hill Swedish Colony, and of which he was also the spiritual head, prophet and adviser, and for whose re-appearance on earth, as prophesied by him, numbers in that colony are yet looking.

CARROLLTON LODGE NO. 50.—CARROLLTON.

Raised.—John C. VanOstrand and Heman Goodrich, Feb. 4; W. A. J. Russell and James M. Davis, May 6; Martin A. Cooper, Aug. 5; Enoch H. Dodson, Sept. 2; George W. Hamilton, Nov. 25; William Winn, William M. Fullaton, and Wade H. Billings, Dec. 21.

Officers.—James B. Samuel, W. M.; Cyrus A. Davis, S. W.; Samuel C. Hopkins, J. W.; John K. Sharon, Treas.; Francis P. Vedder, Sec.; Paul Wright, S. D.; Giles H. Turner, J. D.; Josephus Headlie, Tyler.

MT. MORIAH LODGE NO. 51.—HILLSBORO.

Officers.—Joseph H. Rolston, W. M.; Jacob Lingofelter, S. W.; McKenzie Turner, J. W.; Ira Millerd, Treas.; Robert W. Davis, Sec.; Elias Petra, S. D.; Daniel C. Lingofelter, J. D.; Garrett Brookman, Tyler.

Raised.—Garrett Brookman, May 9; William M. Pallett, Sept. 5; James C. Boone, Oct. 23.

BENEVOLENT LODGE NO. 52.—MEREDOSIA.

Raised.—William C. Ham, Jan. 31; Julius H. Edmondson, March 12; Thomas B. Speary, Josiah Newlan, and Benj. E. Taylor, March 19; Jas. Hosmer, May 30; Jos. B. Thompson, Aug. 3; Benj. F. Bristo, Sept. 21.

Officers.—William J. Wackerle, W. M.; John W. Trover, S. W.; J. W. Thompson, J. W.; Thomas B. Speary, Treas.; J. C. Waldo, Sec.; S. S. Winegar, S. D.; Sylvester Parker, J. D.; J. H. Edmondson, Tyler.

JACKSON LODGE NO. 53.—SHELBYVILLE.

This Lodge made no returns to the Grand Lodge for 1850.

RECLAMATION LODGE NO. 54.—NAUVOO.

Raised.—Henry Edwards, March 12; George Edmonds, Jr., March 26.

Officers.—D. W. Pressell, W. M.; S. G. Strong, S. W.; J. J. Piggott, J. W.; J. J. Brint, Treas.; A. S. Kingsley, Sec.; Benj. Avise, S. D.; L. H. Cardery, J. D.; Albert Stow, Tyler.

WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 55.—NASHVILLE.

Officers.—Harvey Neville, W. M.; Geo. T. Hoke, S. W.; Geo. W. Hotchkiss, J. W.; Nahum W. Allen, Chaplain; Gabriel Jones, Treas.; Darius Greenup, Sec.; Alexander D. Hay, S. D.; Livesay Carter, J. D.; Lewis N. Farmer, Tyler.

Raised.—William M. Phillips, March 26; James Phillips, April 6; David L. Phillips and William A. Lamb, Sept. 17.

PITTSFIELD LODGE NO. 56.—PITTSFIELD.

Raised.—John Porter, April 25; Henry Moss, July 18; David Hess, Aug. 22; Madison Chapman, Nov. 14.

Died.—B. F. Spencer, June 4.

Officers.—Reuben W. Scanland, W. M.; Jas. F. Hyde, S. W.; John S. Roberts, J. W.; Jas. Ward, Treas.; R. L. Howard, S. D.; Samuel Barker, J. D.; R. H. Scanland, Steward; William Agnew, Tyler.

TRIO LODGE NO. 57.—ROCK ISLAND.

Raised.—A. G. Pickett and William Kale, Jan. 31; J. S. Gibbons, May 2; O. Chamberlain, April 3; J. S. Ferguson, Nov. 28.

Officers.—P. A. Whittaker, W. M.; D. A. Morris, S. W.; Robert Graham, J. W.; B. F. Barrett, Treas.; John R. Corker, Sec.; Jas. G. Blythe, S. D.; D. B. Rice, J. D.; Frazier Wilson and A. G. Pickett, Stewards; E. M. Heacox, Tyler.

FRATERNAL LODGE NO. 58.—MONTICELLO.

Officers.—J. J. Patterson, W. M.; William Marquiss, S. W.; William LaForge, J. W.; H. Zurger, Treas.; A. G. Boyer, Sec.; Joseph A. Kee, S. D.; George Heath, J. D.; W. M. Nesbitt, Tyler.

Raised.—George S. Young, Jan. 21; Alex. Geo. Boyer, Feb. 25; James Cisner, March 26; George Heath, May 25; James Lane, June 24; James Hubbard, July 27; John Spillman, Sept. 16; John Mosgrove, Nov. 10.

NEW BOSTON LODGE NO. 59.—NEW BOSTON.

Raised.—Jno. E. Willets and Daniel McCurdy, June 8; Gilbert Brewer, June 29; Hiram Mills, Oct. 26.

Officers.—Wyman Parker, W. M.; John E. Willets, S. W.; Daniel McCurdy, J. W.; Gilbert Brewer, Treas.; E. J. Dennison, Sec.; Geo. Ralston, S. D.; L. B. Howe, J. D.

BELVIDERE LODGE NO. 60.—BELVIDERE.

Raised.—William Seward, Jan. 11; Seth Griffin, Jan. 24; William A. Humphrey and Thomas E. Fowler, Feb. 21; Cornelius Connell, March 1; Michael Decker, March 8; Asher E. Jenner, March 21; Alson L. Ames, April 5; Lyman Andrews, June 20; Eli A. Woodruff, June 27; Thomas L. Breckinridge, Nov. 28.

Died.—Albert Cline, Feb. —.

Officers.—Stephen C. Gooding, W. M.; D. H. Whitney, S. W.; Allen C. Fuller, J. W.; Asa Williams, Treas.; William T. Burgess, Sec.; Stephen A. Hurlbut, S. D.; Lyman Benson, J. D.; H. R. Mead and H. J. Doolittle, Stewards; Horace Robinson, Tyler.

LACON LODGE NO. 61.—LACON.

Officers.—Silas Ramsey, W. M.; Hugh P. Sexton, S. W.; William Fenn, J. W.; John T. Pride, Treas.; Thomas R. Simpson, Sec.; Isaac Springer, S. D.; David A. Renton, J. D.; John Specht, Tyler.

Raised.—Robert Burns, William Myers, David H. Renton, Philip Lynch, John Specht, Benj. Hewitt, J. R. Russell, Harlow Barney, James H. Temple, William L. Bevel, Isaac Haws, Washington E. Cook, Isaac B. Dermott, William B. Dickson, Zerah C. Warren, no dates; Peter McDonald, Oct. 3; Z. P. Beckworth and J. B. Simpson, Oct. 21; Albert Bowman, Oct. 29; William Kelly, Dec. 17; L. F. Clisber, Dec. 23.

JERUSALEM LODGE NO. 62.—OREGON.

We are unable to afford any information regarding this Lodge.

ST. MARK'S LODGE NO. 63.—WOODSTOCK.

Raised.—Selden Miner, June 18.

Officers.—Derrick C. Bush, W. M.; Almon W. King, S. W.; Elzaphan J. Smith, J. W.; H. P. Norton, Treas.; Enos W. Smith, Sec.; Henry M. Wait, S. D.; Henry T. Rice, J. D.; L. W. McMaster, Tyler.

BENTON LODGE NO. 64.—BENTON.

Officers.—Samuel K. Casey, W. M.; Isaac Mulkey, S. W.; T. B. Cantrell, J. W.; Braxton Parrish, Chaplain; Walter S. Akin, Treas.; Robert E. Yost, Sec.; John H. Mulkey, S. D.; Daniel Moonyham, J. D.; James R. Ward and William S. Crawford, Stewards; John C. Murphy, Tyler.

Raised.—James M. Dollins, March 9.

EUCLID LODGE NO. 65.—NAPERVILLE.

Raised.—Rolla Pearsoll, Jan. 1; Walker O. Taylor, Jan. 29; Hiram H. Cody, Feb. 5; Frederick H. Mather and Samuel M. Cole, March 5;

Henry L. Peaslee and David Hess, March 26; Robert Nelson Murray, April 9; Charles J. Sellon, May 21; Luther F. Sanderson, June 4; DeWitt C. Butler and Cheney M. Castle, June 6; George Roush, July 1; Willard F. Jones, Dec. 23; Charles Earl, Dec. 27.

Died.—Thomas Gates, Jan. 10; Eli Rich, Dec. 24.

Officers.—Alymer Keith, W. M.; Joseph Naper, S. W.; Nathan Allen, J. W.; Nahum Loring, Treas.; Henry F. Vallette, Sec.; John Collins, S. D.; George Martin, J. D.; Harry T. Wilson and Cyrus F. Tarbox, Stewards; John Orcutt, Tyler.

KNOXVILLE LODGE NO. 66.—KNOXVILLE.

Raised.—John S. Winter, Jan. 4; George Gale, Jan. 12; Jacob Speck, Jan. 26; Robertson White, Feb. 25; T. T. Parmenter, March 2; Jason Duncan, March 4; Cyrus C. Palmer, March 9; Andrew Fletcher, March 16; Williams T. Butt, May 25.

Died.—Edward C. Johnson, July 29.

Officers.—Adam Brewer, W. M.; Benjamin Hebard, S. W.; Reuben Baily, J. W.; Edward C. Johnston, Treas.; John S. Winter, Sec.; Isaac Gulihur, S. D.; Jonathan F. Mason, J. D.; John W. Moore, Tyler; Jacob Speck, Chaplain.

ACACIA LODGE NO. 67.—LA SALLE.

Raised.—John Long, Jan. 2.

Officers.—G. A. Lindley, W. M.; W. Henry Davis, S. W.; James Armour, J. W.; Ira Hartson, Treas.; E. D. Davis, Sec.; Isaac H. Lamb, S. D.; Morris Newstadt, J. D.; John Long, Tyler.

NAPLES LODGE NO. 68.—NAPLES.

Raised.—John Linkins and M. H. Maeck, Jan. 3; E. L. Grubb, Jan. 5; D. K. Watson, May 5; Cyrus Matthews, April 27; David Gratton, Oct. 25; Thornton Bartley, Nov. 22; G. W. Crawford, Nov. 29; J. S. McFarland, Dec. 6; J. B. Davis, Dec. 13; John Masterson, Dec. 21.

Officers.—Nathan Dresser, W. M.; Alexandrew Lindsay, S. W.; Otho D. Critzer, J. W.; Royal Mooers, Treas.; Edmund Fraser, Sec.; Jacob Easminger, S. D.; John Linkins, J. D.; John Critzer, Tyler.

EUREKA LODGE NO. 69.—CAMDEN MILLS.

Officers.—J. M. Gilmore, W. M.; F. B. Gilmore, S. W.; John Weeks, J. W.; N. D. Bradley, Treas.; Wm. Kelly, Sec.; Wm. Faris, S. D.; David Kelso, J. D.; E. G. Spencer, Tyler.

Raised.—Joseph Huyett, Feb. 9; Jacob Adams, March 6; Nazro Reynolds, March 11; E. S. Morey, May 22.

SOCIAL LODGE NO. 70.—HENNEPIN.

Raised.—H. C. Pierce, Nov. 6; W. B. D. Newman, Nov. 30; W. Dyer, Dec. 2; Joseph Holland and A. Wardlaw, Dec. 14; Enos Prickett, Dec. 18; R. Palter, Dec. 25; Prescott Bartlett and J. Dewley, Dec. 28.

Officers.—Eli B. Ames, W. M.; L. S. Kimball, S. W.; Albert Towle, J. W.; Elias Mott, Chaplain; J. Everett, Treas.; B. S. Reeder, Sec.; Elias Mott, S. D.; Charles Schoffler, J. D. and Tyler.

CENTRAL LODGE NO. 71.—SPRINGFIELD.

Officers.—P. A. Dorwin, W. M.; Asa Eastman, S. W.; Isaac R. Diller, J. W.; Thomas H. Campbell, Treas.; R. W. Diller, Sec.; Charles Fisher, S. D.; John Cook, J. D.; B. Hiki, Tyler.

Raised.—John James Elliott, April 8.

Died.—Horace S. Cooley, March 22.

CHESTER LODGE NO. 72.—CHESTER.

Officers.—Gabriel S. Jones, W. M.; Judson Clement, S. W.; Wm. A. Gordon, J. W.; Thos. S. Roe, Sec.; R. B. Servant, Treas.; F. Swanwick, S. D.; Adolph Block, J. D.; John Yontz, Tyler.

Raised.—David Block and Morris Block, Aug. 17; M. A. Block, Oct. 26; Job Lawrence, Nov. 16; M. R. Ray, Dec. 14.

BATAVIA LODGE NO. 73.—BATAVIA.

Officers.—T. Mead, Jr., W. M.; J. W. Churchill, S. W.; J. C. Waldrow, J. W.; T. L. Cleveland, Sec.; John VanNortwick, Treas.; A. T. Phillips, S. D.; P. L. Howe, J. D.; E. R. Phillips, Tyler.

ROCKTON LODGE NO. 74.—ROCKTON.

Raised.—Thomas Farmer, Jan. 5; Simon Rosenbaum, Jan. 8; John M. Hulett, Feb. 12; J. L. French, Feb. 22; Robert Logan and William Blinn, March 22; Joseph Burns, April 26; C. H. Spafford, July 19; Jas. Holmes and Ziba Bennett, Aug. 26; Coe Van Brunt, Aug. 16; D. C. Williams, Aug. 24; William R. Weld, Nov. 20.

Officers.—Rumsey Hatch, W. M.; Jesse Blinn, S. W.; A. S. Newton, J. W.; L. W. Osgood, Treas.; A. H. Merrill, Sec.; H. A. Davidson, S. D.; Amos Blake, J. D.; David A. Blake and William Lettingwell, Stewards; Thomas Glover, Tyler.

ROSCOE LODGE NO. 75.—ROSCOE.

Raised.—Thomas Baldwin and Thomas Simmons, Feb. 26; E. P. Sexton and D. S. Clark, March 12; J. A. Wilson, March 15; B. G. Wheeler,

April 12; Henry C. Smith, June 24; John Mattox, Thomas H. Nicholson, and Edward H. Baker, Aug. 20; B. Cheney, Nov. 19; William Ward and William Lyman, Dec. 17; R. Denton and Henry Whipple, Dec. 23; E. H. Haskill, Dec. 21.

Officers.—Alfred E. Ames, W. M.; N. Howland, S. W.; J. G. Prentiss, J. W.; Jabez Love, Treas.; G. P. Ransom, Sec.; F. Tyler, S. D.; L. Sexton, J. D.; O. Parker, Tyler.

MT. NEBO LODGE NO. 76.—CARLINVILLE.

Raised.—L. J. Woods, N. Boice, D. T. Kreemer, and I. N. Quinn, Feb. 23; Henderson Sharp, March 9; Enoch Wall, March 23; W. Weir, Jr., April 13; Lewis Solomon, A. McKim Dubois, Dempsy Solomon, and Travis Moor, April 20; William Rickart, Nov. 15.

Officers.—B. T. Burke, W. M.; J. M. Palmer, S. W.; L. J. Woods, J. W.; A. S. Walker, Treas.; D. S. Brock, Sec.; N. Boice, S. D.; Wm. Weir, Jr., J. D.; E. Wall and I. N. Quinn, Stewards; D. T. Kreemer, Tyler.

PRAIRIE LODGE NO. 77.—PARIS.

Officers.—Kirby Benedict, W. M.; Jonathan Young, S. W.; J. D. Jaquith, J. W.; Geo. Hoge, Sec.; Jno. Sutherland, Treas.; W. Clark, S. D.; E. P. Shaw, J. D.; R. C. Jones, Chaplain; Milton Mayo, Tyler.

Raised.—Alexander Chrisman, Jan. 9; Milton Mayo, C. H. Boisel, W. H. Stout, J. T. Newlon, W. M. Givens, W. Graham, and Edgar R. E. Carpenter, Feb. 15; Kirby Benedict and James Gordon, March 8; S. Chrisman, March 11; Jesse Ross and Calvin Smith, 27; W. Clark, June 4; James Steele, June 11; J. D. Jaquith, Jno. Sutherland, E. P. Shaw, and Austin Earnest, June 12; W. H. H. McCarty, July 24; W. Smick, Aug. 21; W. Trader, Sept. 18; W. Milliken, Sept. 19; M. M. Dill, Sept. 21; O. H. Lawrence, Sept. 23; W. J. Hodge, Sept. 24; Thomas M. Smith, Sept. 28; Middleton W. Dickenson, Dec. 3; Charles B. Steele and James M. Miller, Dec. 27.

UNION LODGE NO. 78.—WAUKEGAN.

Officers.—Salmon Stebbins, W. M.; Daniel Brewer, S. W.; Josiah Moulton, J. W.; Thomas Wheeler, Chaplain; William Nichols, Treas.; Wm. H. J. Nichols, Sec.; Harley Sage, S. D.; Isaac Hopkinson, J. D.; John H. Swarthout and John Gentzell, Stewards; Thomas Dorsey, Tyler.

SCOTT LODGE NO. 79.—CARLYLE.

Officers.—Zopher Case, W. M.; John V. Sanks, S. W.; C. N. Halstead, J. W.; Elias S. Dennis, Sec.; James M. Rogers, Treas.; Daniel White, S. D.; John J. Richards, J. D.; Franklin Hervey, Tyler.

Raised.—John J. Richards, Jan. 14; Sidney Breese, May 15; Moses E. Richards, June 24; B. G. Ruble, Oct. 14.

WHITEHALL LODGE NO. 80.—WHITEHALL.

Raised.—J. D. Vedder, David Cole, Barney Highsinger, no dates.

Officers.—J. C. Winters, W. M.; Henry Griswold, S. W.; J. B. McIntosh, J. W.; — Stark, Treas.; Asbury Davis, Sec.; Joseph Richart, S. D.; N. Tendall, J. D.; Arthur Axley, Tyler.

VITRUVIUS LODGE NO. 81.—WHEELING.

Raised.—P. Anderson, Jan. 26; J. C. Cutshaw and W. Horner, Feb. 23; Joseph Nuttall and J. S. Sherman, April 20; William Hopps, May 18; A. P. Hayward and R. A. Hopps, July 20; J. M. Hinman, Aug. 1; W. G. Cutshaw, Oct. 19.

Officers.—W. H. Davis, W. M.; Samuel Anderson, S. W.; Joseph Filkins, J. W.; S. W. Sherman, Treas.; D. Boyd, Sec.; Thos. Brooks, S. D.; Alex. Brown, J. D.; P. Anderson and J. C. Cutshaw, Stewards; Joseph Nuttall, Tyler.

METAMORA LODGE NO. 82.—METAMORA.

This Lodge did no work (as far as is shown by their return) during the year 1850, beyond the first and second degrees.

Officers.—Evan Trunnell, W. M.; Edward Kipp, S. W.; John J. Perry, J. W.; A. A. Brown, Treas.; John E. Powell, Sec.; Lyman C. Blakslee, S. D.; Jos. T. Hammers, J. D.; Jed. Sherman, Tyler.

IROQUOIS LODGE NO. 83.—MIDDLEPORT.

Raised.—John L. Donovan, Feb. 13; Chester Noble, Feb. 14; Hamilton Jefferson, March 14; Richard Taliaferro, March 21; Cyrus R. Brown, Leander Hogle, and James T. Farnsworth, March 22; James Fletcher and Richard Courtright, June 20; Abraham Howery, John Fagan, and Michael Hogle, July 26; Don Alonzo Falkenburg, Aug. 23; William Pierce, Nov. 13; Spottswood A. Washington, John T. Donovan, and Adam Barr, Dec. 19.

Officers.—Wm. E. Russell, W. M.; Nathaniel Wilson, S. W.; Isaac Courtright, J. W.; John Harwood, Sec.; William Pierce, Treas.; James Fletcher, S. D.; Abraham Howery, J. D.; David Parker, Tyler.

DEWITT LODGE NO. 84.—CLINTON.

Raised.—Darius Hall, July 16; Blich Moore, July 18; Clifton H. Moore, Aug. 28; Alfred Gaines, Nov. 14.

Officers.—Evan Richards, W. M.; John Warner, S. W.; Wm. S. Bates, J. W.

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MITCHELL LODGE NO. 85.—PINCKNEYVILLE.

Raised.—L. G. Jones, Feb. 26; William Ryall, March 28; D. M. Hoge, April 29; Lewis Humock and John Wheatley, May 28; R. H. Eaton, July 4; Marion Hoge, Sept. 30.

Officers.—S. M. Carter, W. M.; Charles Peters, S. W.; Joseph L. Hamilton, J. W.; Wm. C. Murphy, Treas.; Wm. Edwards, Sec.; J. J. Swanwick, S. D.; Lewis Humock, J. D.; John Wheatly, Tyler.

KASKASKIA LODGE NO. 86.—KASKASKIA.

This Lodge did no work on the third degree during the year 1850. The officers were George W. Staley, W. M.; Elzey C. Coffey, S. W.; Thomas J. Curle, J. W.; Jacob Feaman, Treas.; Ferdinand Maxwell, Sec.; Lazier Durrall, S. D.; Louis L. Perry, J. D.; John Link, Tyler.

MT. PULASKI LODGE NO. 87.—MT. PULASKI.

Raised.—John C. Hurt, March 14; William H. Young and A. B. Bunn, March 29; Charles Sedlinger, July 3; J. C. Baker, July 11; William C. Snyder and Granville Fain, July 18; D. G. Brooks, Aug. 19; Solomon Cann, Aug. 29; W. B. Harvey and Robert Green, Sept. 2; R. B. Latham, Dec. 2; James McGraw, Dec. 27.

Officers.—David P. Bunn, W. M.; Isaac R. Braucher, S. W.; Robert Carlisle, J. W.; John T. Jenkins, Sec.; Alexander Edmunds, Treas.; Timothy Leeds, S. D.; Robert O. Parenton, J. D.; George W. Turley, Tyler.

HAVANA LODGE NO. 88.—HAVANA.

Officers.—R. S. Patterson, W. M.; Geo. R. Wilson, S. W.; Moses Baldwin, J. W.; N. Rockwell, Treas.; L. Sterns, Sec.; G. Mosteller, S. D.; Pollard Anno, J. D.; Geo. Wright, Tyler.

Raised.—Pollard Anno, Nov. 4.

FELLOWSHIP LODGE NO. 89.—MARION.

Officers.—Robert H. Marron, W. M.; R. T. Hopper, S. W.; Wm. M. Eubanks, J. W.; Jo. Hoffstutler, Treas.; J. M. Lewis, Sec.; B. F. Furlong, S. D.; John S. Tutton, J. D.; Gabriel Saunders, Tyler.

Raised.—J. M. Campbell and B. F. Furlong, Aug. 2; Geo. L. Owens, Aug. 6; Gabriel Saunders and Wm. D. Spellers, Aug. 8; James Miller, Aug. 10; John White, Sept. 12; John S. Tutton and J. M. Lewis, Sept. 16.

JERUSALEM TEMPLE LODGE NO. 90.—AURORA.

Raised.—L. D. Brady and W. B. Allen, March 22; Henry Nichols, April 25; D. B. Waterman, April 26; W. S. Carr, May 2; A. N. Hughes, Sept. 19; Ira A. W. Buck, Sept. 24.

Officers.—B. F. Hall, W. M.; Burr Winton, S. W.; G. S. Adsit, J. W.; Daniel Eastman, Sec.; L. D. Brady, Treas.; D. B. Waterman, S. D.; Henry Nichols, J. D.; Wyatt S. Carr, Tyler.

METROPOLIS LODGE NO. 91.—METROPOLIS.

Raised.—Henry Glass, June 24; Edward McMahon and G. W. West, June 26; John M. Harrington, July 4; John V. Schauchard, Sept. 23.

Officers.—George Hawpe, W. M.; Gabriel Kay, S. W.; H. L. Cook, J. W.; Joseph Becker, Treas.; Thos. G. C. Davis, Sec.; S. L. Robertson, S. D.; S. B. Caruth, J. D.; S. G. Choat, Tyler.

STEWART LODGE NO. 92.—GENESEO.

Raised.—Richard Huffman, Timothy D. Crook, Thomas Crew, Wm. S. Barnes, E. D. Hoyt, Asa Crook, no dates.

Officers.—Harman G. Reynolds, W. M.; Roderick R. Stewart, S. W.; Benj. Graham, J. W.; Richard Huffinan, Treas.; Lafayette Stewart, Sec.; Wm. M. Dalzell, S. D.; Timothy D. Crook J. D.; E. D. Hoyt, Tyler.

TOULON LODGE NO. 93.—TOULON.

Raised.—John W. Henderson, May 20; Simon S. Heller, Charles F. White, and Howard Ogle, Aug. 23; Milton Atherton and J. W. Halstead, Sept. 22; Thomas J. Wright, Sept. 28; William F. Thomas and Thomas J. Henderson, Nov. 11; Samuel, 2nd, and Thomas Winn, Nov. 16; Michael Buchanan and John Calthar, Nov. 19.

Officers.—William W. Drummond, W. M.; William Rose, S. W.; Oren Maxfield, J. W.; William F. Thomas, Treas.; Thomas J. Henderson, Sec.; William A. Reed, S. D.; Samuel Thomas, 2nd, J. D.; Simon S. Heller and Thomas J. Wright, Stewards; John W. Henderson, Tyler.

MORNING SUN LODGE NO. 94.—JERSEYVILLE.

Officers.—B. F. Paige, W. M.; A. B. Morene, S. W.; J. Cammell, J. W.; J. S. Cary, S. D.; J. E. Taylor, J. D.; C. H. Roberts, Sec.; S. Calhoun, Treas.; S. Hollenback, Tyler.

Raised.—A. C. Hutchinson, Oct. 15; Marshal S. Cory, Dec. 10.

PERRY LODGE NO. 95.—PERRY.

We are unable to give any information concerning this Lodge for 1850, beyond the names of officers, which were as follows: W. S. Dennis, W. M.; David Baldwin, S. W.; David K. Hobbs, J. W.

ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS, FROM 1822 TO THE PRESENT TIME.

Elected.	Grand Masters.	Lodges.	Deputy Grand Masters.	Lodges.
1822.....	Shadrach Bond*	Kaskas- kia.	James Hall*.....	Shawnee- town.
1823.....	Shadrach Bond	Kaskas- kia.	James Hall	Shawnee- town.
1824.....	James Hall*.....	Shawnee- town.	Henry H. Snow*.....	Alton.
1825.....	James Hall	Shawnee- town.	Henry H. Snow.....	Alton.
1826-7 to	.....	.....	.....	.....
1840.....	Abraham Jonas*.....	1	James Adams*	4
1841.....	Abraham Jonas.....	1	Meredith Helm*.....	4
1842.....	Meredith Helm*.....	4	Alexander Dunlap*	3
1843.....	Alexander Dunlap*	3	Levi Lusk.....	9
1844.....	Levi Lusk.....	9	Carding Jackson*	18
1845.....	William F. Walker.....	32	Nelson D. Morse*.....	26
1846.....	Nelson D. Morse*	26	William Lavelly.....	4
1847.....	William Lavelly	4	John R. Crandall*.....	46
1848.....	William Lavelly	4	Edward R. Roe.....	14
1849.....	William C. Hobbs*.....	43	John H. Holton*	39
1850.....	Chris'pher G. Y. Taylor*	24	Thomas J. Pickett.....	15
1851.....	Thomas J. Pickett.....	15	Elias Hibbard.....	27
1852.....	Eli B. Ames	70	Ben. L. Wiley	111
1853.....	James L. Anderson*.....	9	James L. Anderson*	9
1854.....	James L. Anderson.....	9	T. O. Wilson*.....	18
1855.....	William B. Herrick*.....	33	James H. Hibbard*	27
1856.....	James H. Hibbard*.....	27	James V. Z. Blaney	33
1857.....	Harrison Dills.....	1	James H. Matheny	4
1858.....	Ira A. W. Buck	90	Fergus M. Blair.....	77
1859.....	Ira A. W. Buck	90	Fergus M. Blair.....	77
1860.....	Ira A. W. Buck	90	Fergus M. Blair.....	77
1861.....	Fergus M. Blair.....	77	Silas C. Toler*.....	111
1862.....	Fergus M. Blair.....	77	John C. Baker.....	78
1863.....	Thomas J. Turner.....	97	Jerome R. Gorin.....	8
1864.....	Thomas J. Turner.....	97	Henry P. H. Bromwell..	35
1865.....	Henry P. H. Bromwell..	35	Jerome R. Gorin.....	8
1866.....	Jerome R. Gorin.....	8	Nathan W. Huntley	411
1867.....	Jerome R. Gorin.....	8	Charles Fisher.....	71
1868.....	Harman G. Reynolds....	333	DeWitt C. Cregier.....	271

*Dead.

ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS—CONTINUED.

Elected.	Senior Grand Wardens.	Lodges.	Junior Grand Wardens.	Lodges.
1822.....	John York Sawyer*.....	Edwards- ville.	William M. Alexander*	Jones- boro.
1823.....	John York Sawyer	Edwards- ville.	William M. Alexander..	Jones- boro.
1824.	John York Sawyer	Edwards- ville.	Richard J. Hamilton*...	Jones- boro.
1825.....	John York Sawyer	Edwards- ville.	Benjamin Mills.....	Vandalia.
1826-7 to 1840.....				
1840.....	Alexander Dunlap*	3	Harrison Dills.....	1
1841.....	Alexander Dunlap.....	3	Harrison Dills.....	1
1842.....	Levi Lusk	9	Joseph N. Ralston*	1
1843.....	William Hodge*.....	16	Henry Prather.....	8
1844.....	David Allen*.....	27	Nelson D. Morse*.....	26
1845.....	Edgar R. Bogardus*.....	14	John R. Crandall*.....	29
1846.....	John R. Crandall*.....	29	Adam Brewer.....	30
1847.....	Joseph C. Ketchum*.....	27	Matthias Taylor	18
1848.....	Joseph C. Ketchum.....	27	William C. Hobbs*.....	46
1849.....	Joseph C. Ketchum.....	27	William E. Russell*.....	38
1850.....	William W. Bennett*.....	31	Daniel C. McNeill*.....	37
1851.....	Eli B. Ames	70	Carlton Drake	33
1852.....	Isaac R. Diller.....	4	James L. Anderson*.....	9
1853.....	T. O. Wilson*.....	18	William H. Turner.....	27
1854.....	James H. Hibbard*	27	Elijah M. Haines	78
1855.....	Jerome R. Gorin.....	8	William A. Diekey*.....	71
1856.....	Harrison Dills.....	1	Fergus M. Blair	77
1857.....	Fergus M. Blair.....	77	Andrew J. Kuykendall..	150
1858.....	Andrew J. Kuykendall..	150	Silas C. Toler*.....	111
1859.....	Andrew J. Kuykendall..	150	Silas C. Toler	111
1860.....	Andrew J. Kuykendall..	150	Silas C. Toler	111
1861.....	Asa W. Blakesley	1	John C. Baker.....	78
1862.....	Jerome R. Gorin.....	8	James C. Luckey.....	187
1863.....	Henry P. H. Bromwell...	35	Edwin F. Babcock	342
1864.....	Edwin F. Babcock	342	Nathan W. Huntley.....	411
1865.....	Nathan W. Huntley	411	Charles Fisher.....	71
1866.....	Charles Fisher.....	71	Horace Hayward.....	140
1867.....	DeWitt C. Cregier.....	271	James A. Hawley.....	7
1868.....	James A. Hawley.....	7	George E. Lounsbur...	290

*Dead.

ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS—CONTINUED.

Elected.	Grand Treasurers.	Lodges.	Grand Secretaries.	Lodges.
1822.....	James O. Wattles	Albion....	Richard T. McKinney..	Edwards- ville.....
1823.....	James O. Wattles	Albion....	Richard T. McKinney..	Edwards- ville.....
1824.....	James O. Wattles	Albion....	William H. Brown.....	Vandalia.
1825.....	James O. Wattles	Albion....	William H. Brown.....	Vandalia.
1826-40.....				
1840.....	Philip Coffman	3	William B. Warren.....	3
1841.....	Philip Coffman	3	William B. Warren.....	3

ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS.—CONTINUED.

Elected.	Grand Treasurers.	Lodges.	Grand Secretaries.	Lodges.
1842.....	Philip Coffman	3	William B. Warren.....	3
1843.....	Philip Coffman	3	William B. Warren.....	3
1844.....	Philip Coffman	3	William B. Warren.....	3
1845.....	James L. Anderson	9	Levi Lusk.....	9
1846.....	James L. Anderson	9	Levi Lusk.....	9
1847.....	William McMurtry.....	26	William Mitchell.....	15
1848.....	William McMurtry.....	26	William Mitchell.....	15
1849.....	William McMurtry.....	26	William Mitchell.....	15
1850.....	William McMurtry.....	26	William B. Warren.....	3
1851.....	William McMurtry.....	26	Harman G. Reynolds ...	66
1852.....	William McMurtry.....	26	Harman G. Reynolds ...	66
1853.....	William McMurtry.....	26	Harman G. Reynolds ...	66
1854.....	William McMurtry.....	26	Harman G. Reynolds ...	66
1855.....	William McMurtry.....	26	Harman G. Reynolds ...	66
1856.....	William McMurtry.....	26	Harman G. Reynolds ...	66
1857.....	William McMurtry.....	26	Harman G. Reynolds ...	66
1858.....	William McMurtry.....	26	Harman G. Reynolds ...	4
1859.....	William McMurtry.....	26	Harman G. Reynolds ...	4
1860.....	William McMurtry.....	26	Harman G. Reynolds ...	333
1861.....	William McMurtry.....	26	Harman G. Reynolds ...	333
1862.....	James R. Mack.....	158	Harman G. Reynolds ...	333
1863.....	Harrison Dills.....	1	Harman G. Reynolds ...	333
1864.....	Harrison Dills.....	1	Harman G. Reynolds ...	333
1865.....	Harrison Dills.....	1	Harman G. Reynolds ...	333
1866.....	Harrison Dills.....	1	Harman G. Reynolds ...	333
1867.....	Harrison Dills.....	1	Harman G. Reynolds ...	333
1868.....	Harrison Dills.....	1	Orlin H. Miner.....	333

ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS.—CONTINUED.

Elected.	Grand Chaplains.	Lodges.	Grand Orators.	Lodges.
1822.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1823.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1824.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1825.....	.....	.....	Benjamin Mills.....	Vandalia.
1826-40.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1840.....	H. W. Osborn .....	.....	Stephen A. Douglas... ..	4
1841.....	Francis A. McNeill	4	James Shields.....	4
1842.....	Francis A. McNeill.....	4	James H. Matheny.....	4
1843.....	George A. Patterson	8	H. S. Cooley.....	1
1844.....	Charles Howard.....	25	R. E. Smith	1
1845.....	Charles V. Kelly	40	William Stuart.....	32
1846.....	Charles V. Kelly	40	William F. Walker.....	32
1847.....	N. P. Heath.....	15	Edward R. Roe.....	14
1848.....	Charles Howard.....	27	Samuel H. Davis.....	15
1849.....	Braxton Parrish	4	A. G. Caldwell.....	2
1850.....	J. T. Worthington.....	3	John T. Lindsay	46
1851.....	Charles Howard.....	27	George T. Brown.....	27
1852.....	R. E. Guthrie	4	John D. Caton.....	40
1853.....	Wm. P. Johnson	84	Charles E. Dodge	4
1854.....	John H. Hughes	4	Isaac R. Diller	4
1855.....	John H. Hughes	4	Isaac R. Diller	4
1856.....	David P. Bunn.....	8	James H. Matheny.....	4
1857.....	Lewis P. Clover	4	John M. Palmer.....	76
1858.....	Lewis P. Clover	4	Abraham Jonas	39
1859.....	Noyes W. Miner	4	Stephen A. Hurlbut	60
1860.....	James L. Crane	77	Ely S. Parker	273

ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS—CONTINUED.

Elected.	Grand Chaplains.	Lodges.	Grand Orators.	Lodges.
1861.....	James L. Crane	77	Henry P. H. Bromwell ..	35
1862.....	N. E. Cobleigh.....	110	Henry H. P. Bromwell ..	35
1863.....	R. G. Hamilton.....	60	Allen C. Fuller	60
1864.....	J. T. Orr.....	440	Vincent Ridgely	4
1865.....	J. T. Orr	440	Martin W. Willis.....	296
1866.....	O. H. Tiffany.....	33	James I. Davidson	500
1867.....	David P. Bunn.....	8	Newton Bateman	71
1868.....	David P. Bunn.....	8	Joseph Robbins.....	296

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS.

Year.	Dep. Grand Secretaries.	Lodges.	Grand Pursuivants.	Lodges.
1822.....				
1823.....	William H. Brown	Vandalia.		
1824.....	Robert H. Peebles	Vandalia		
1825.....			Charles Dunn	unknown
1826-1840.....				
1840.....	W. D. McCann.....	9	John Gregory.....	3
1841.....	W. D. McCann.....	9	John Gregory.....	3
1842.....	Edward Jones.....	4	John Gregory	3
1843.....	Adams Dunlap.....	9		
1844.....	Adams Dunlap.....	9		
1845.....	Charles H. Larrabee	32	Richard F. Kippinburg.	23
1846.....	James Price.....	26	Arnold R. Robinson.....	4
1847.....			Webb C. Quigley.....	29
1848.....	R. W. Diller.....	4	William E. Russell.....	38
1849.....	William Lavelly	4	Clark B. Stebbins	46
1850.....			Reuben W. Scanland.....	56
1851.....	Silas Ramsey	70	W. W. Drummond	49
1852.....	John S. Winter.....	66	J. W. Smith	27
1853.....	Jacob W. Brewer.....	66	Stephen Bennett.....	119
1854.....	Jacob W. Brewer.....	66	McKenzie Turner.....	51
1855.....	John S. Winter.....	66	J. C. McMurtry.....	26
1856.....	Patrick A. Whittaker	57	Ezra J. Higgins	160
1857.....			Ezra J. Higgins	160
1858.....	Benjamin F. Barry.....	27	C. C. Simpson.....	20
1859.....	John S. Winter.....	66	C. C. Simpson	20
1860.....	James Steele.....	77	N. W. Chapman	260
1861.....	Leven W. Shepherd.....	71	David D. Irons.....	15
1862.....	Leven W. Shepherd.....	71	D. W. Zink.....	280
1863.....	John C. Reynolds	333	Charles T. Pace	31
1864.....	John C. Reynolds	333	Charles T. Pace	31
1865.....	John C. Reynolds	333	Alonzo Ransom	143
1866.....	John C. Reynolds	333	Charles Spalding	263
1867.....	John C. Reynolds	333	Charles Spalding	263
1868.....	John C. Reynolds	333	George W. Staley	86

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS—CONTINUED.

Year.	Grand Marshals.	Lodges.	G. Standard Bearers.	Lodges.
1822.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1823.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1824.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1825.....	Emanuel J. West.....	Alton.....	Guy W. Smith.....	Palestine.
1826-1840.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1840.....	S. W. Lucas.....	3	.....	.....
1841.....	A. C. Dickson.....	3	.....	.....
1842.....	A. C. Dickson.....	3	.....	.....
1843.....	P. Underwood, Jr.....	23	.....	.....
1844.....	Mathew Stacy.....	3	.....	.....
1845.....	John H. Holton.....	1	.....	.....
1846.....	William McMurtry.....	26	.....	.....
1847.....	Peter Sweat.....	15	.....	.....
1848.....	Harman G. Reynolds.....	49	.....	.....
1849.....	Nathaniel English.....	3	.....	.....
1850.....	Hotchkiss.....	55	.....	.....
1851.....	Isaac R. Diller.....	4	.....	.....
1852.....	Amos Hill.....	45	.....	.....
1853.....	James Price.....	66	.....	.....
1854.....	Cyrus C. Palmer.....	66	.....	.....
1855.....	Andrew J. Kuykendall..	150	.....	.....
1856.....	Andrew J. Kuykendall..	150	.....	.....
1857.....	E. A. Whipple.....	61	Robert Keith.....	113
1858.....	George R. McGregor.....	175	Phares A. Dorwin.....	77
1859.....	Reuben Cleveland.....	211	Henry A. Chase.....	7
1860.....	David D. Irons.....	15	Michael Grant.....	49
1861.....	Reuben Cleveland.....	211	Michael Grant.....	49
1862.....	John M. Pearson.....	27	John W. Banker.....	1
1863.....	James M. Buford.....	57	Daniel G. Burr.....	77
1864.....	James Lowe.....	1	Daniel Frost.....	146
1865.....	John F. Alexander.....	245	Samuel B. Dugger.....	76
1866.....	Samuel B. Dugger.....	76	J. H. Samson.....	111
1867.....	John C. Bagby.....	■	Isaac S. Blackwelder....	51
1868.....	Geo. W. Hartman.....	347	Isaac E. Hardy.....	27

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS—CONTINUED.

Year.	Grand Stewards.	Lodges.	Grand Stewards.	Lodges.
1822.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1823.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1824.....	James S. Smith.....	Jonesb'ro	John Warnock.....	Vandalia.
1825.....	Hart Fellows.....	.....	John Whittaker.....	.....
1826-1840.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1840.....	L. B. Adams.....	4	F. G. Johnston.....	1
1841.....	James Magorian.....	6	A. V. Putnam.....	3
1842.....	A. V. Putnam.....	3	.....	.....
1843.....	L. C. Kercheval.....	18	.....	.....
1844.....	Henry C. Remann.....	16	.....	.....
1845.....	John C. Heyl.....	15	Samuel H. Davis.....	15
1846.....	Harrison Dills.....	1	Henry Kaussell.....	39
1847.....	Timothy Souther.....	27	E. J. Harper.....	27
1848.....	John Daily.....	33	John Pahlman.....	33
1849.....	John E. Rearden.....	14	John T. Knox.....	14
1850.....	Phares A. Dorwin.....	71	James W. Keyes.....	4
1851.....	Isaac Springer.....	4	D. A. Morris.....	4
1852.....	Warren Brown.....	13	McKenzie Turner.....	51

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS—CONTINUED.

Year.	Grand Stewards.	Lodges.	Grand Stewards.	Lodges.
1853.....	Warren Brown.....	13	Robert Keith.....	113
1854.....	Robert Keith.....	113	Stephen Bennett.....	.....
1855.....	Orson N. Stafford.....	4	Ezra J. Higgins.....	160
1856.....	Orson N. Stafford.....	4	P. V. VanNorstran.....	4
1857.....	Orson N. Stafford.....	4	Silas C. Toler.....	111
1858.....	Orson N. Stafford.....	4	Daniel G. Burr.....	77
1859.....	Orson N. Stafford.....	4	Phares A. Dorwin.....	71
1860.....	Charles Fisher.....	71	Orson N. Stafford.....	4
1861.....	Charles Fisher.....	71	Orson N. Stafford.....	4
1862.....	Charles Fisher.....	71	Orson N. Stafford.....	4
1863.....	Charles Fisher.....	71	William F. Elkin, Jr.....	71
1864.....	Charles Fisher.....	71	William F. Elkin, Jr.....	71
1865.....	John M. Burnett.....	71	James Gourley.....	4
1866.....	Orson N. Stafford.....	4	Thomas C. Jewell.....	71
1867.....	Orson N. Stafford.....	4	R. D. Laurance.....	333
1868.....	Orson N. Stafford.....	4	Arnold R. Robinson.....	4

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS—CONTINUED.

Year.	Grand Sword Bearers.	Lodges.	Senior Grand Deacons.	Lodges.
1822.....	.....	.....	James M. Duncan.....	Vandalia.
1823.....	.....	.....	James M. Duncan.....	Vandalia.
1824.....	.....	.....	Robert H. Peebles.....	Vandalia.
1825.....	.....	.....	Robert H. Peebles.....	Vandalia.
1826-40.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1840.....	Lytle Griffing.....	6	Meredith Helm.....	4
1841.....	Maurice Doyle.....	4	John Crockett.....	1
1842.....	James Zwislser, Jr.....	4	Samuel Matlack.....	4
1843.....	James Zwislser, Jr.....	4	Jesse B. Conyers.....	1
1844.....	William Lavelly.....	4	Peter Sweat.....	15
1845.....	William Ervin.....	9	William Lavelly.....	4
1846.....	Peter Sweat.....	15	A. C. Dickson.....	3
1847.....	John H. Holton.....	1	William C. Hobbs.....	43
1848.....	Clark B. Stebbins.....	46	William W. Bennett.....	31
1849.....	William H. L. Wallace.....	40	Patrick A. Whittaker.....	67
1850.....	J. M. Scott.....	43	Patrick A. Whittaker.....	67
1851.....	J. W. Smith.....	27	Reuben W. Scanland.....	56
1852.....	J. P. Waterhouse.....	35	William S. Hurst.....	9
1853.....	William Kinman.....	45	John C. Heyl.....	46
1854.....	Jonathan Young.....	77	John M. Scott.....	43
1855.....	Robert Keith.....	113	W. W. Jackson.....	18
1856.....	John D. Moody.....	130	J. S. Rearden.....	14
1857.....	Daniel Frost.....	146	Cesar A. Roberts.....	29
1858.....	Lewis Keyon.....	15	Cesar A. Roberts.....	29
1859.....	Robert Gibson.....	126	William V. Plum.....	.....
1860.....	John C. Baker.....	78	Wiley M. Egan.....	211
1861.....	Caleb Finch.....	155	James C. Luckey.....	187
1862.....	George W. Albin.....	279	Hiram W. Hubbard.....	.....
1863.....	C. L. Underwood.....	53	Nathan W. Huntley.....	411
1864.....	Daniel G. Burr.....	77	Thomas W. Hay.....	272
1865.....	Daniel Frost.....	146	James Lowe.....	1
1866.....	Jay G. Callender.....	169	James Lowe.....	1
1867.....	Jay G. Callender.....	169	George E. Lounsbury.....	290
1868.....	S. C. Buckman.....	97	William G. Swan.....	33

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS—CONTINUED.

Year.	Junior Grand Deacons.	Lodges.	Grand Tylers.	Lodges.
1822	Richard J. Hamilton.....	Jones-boro.	Joseph Enos.....	Vandalia.
1823.....	Richard J. Hamilton.....	Jones-boro.	Joseph Enos.....	Vandalia.
1824.....	Emanuel J. West.....	Alton.	Joseph Enos.....	Vandalia.
1825	Erastus Brown.....	Vandalia.	Joseph Enos.....	Vandalia.
1826 to '40				
1840	John Crockett.....	1	C. Ludlum.....	3
1841.....	Samuel Matlack.....	4	George Hackett.....	3
1842	Henry Prather.....	8	George Hackett.....	3
1843.....	John Bennett.....	19	George Hackett.....	3
1844.....	Charles H. Pringle.....	8	George Hackett.....	3
1845	Nathan Dresser.....	19	John Gregory.....	3
1846.....	R. F. Kippinburg.....	23	David M. Kittinger.....	25
1847.....	William B. Mills.....	35	David M. Kittinger.....	25
1848	H. J. Armstrong.....	8	Nathan Christy.....	33
1849.....	Webb C. Quigley.....	29	Aaron R. Stout.....	14
1850.....	Aaron R. Stout.....	14	Michael McNamara.....	4
1851.....	Asa W. Blakesley.....	1	A. R. Robinson.....	4
1852	R. S. Patterson.....		A. R. Robinson.....	4
1853.....	William M. Eubanks.....		A. R. Robinson.....	4
1854	Reuben W. Scanland.....	56	A. R. Robinson.....	4
1855	Henry T. Mudd.....		A. R. Robinson.....	4
1856.....	Daniel Frost.....	146	A. R. Robinson.....	4
1857.....	James Monroe.....		A. R. Robinson.....	4
1858.....	William Watson.....		A. R. Robinson.....	4
1859.....	Thomas W. Hay.....	272	A. R. Robinson.....	4
1860.....	Thomas Moore.....	91	A. R. Robinson.....	4
1861.....	Hiram W. Hubbard.....		A. R. Robinson.....	4
1862.....	John Bennett.....	19	A. R. Robinson.....	4
1863.....	Thomas W. Hay.....	272	Orson N. Stafford.....	4
1864.....	George Mason.....	509	Orson N. Stafford.....	4
1865.....	Rodney Ashley.....	389	Orson N. Stafford.....	4
1866.....	Rodney Ashley.....	389	John P. Ferns.....	438
1867.....	David A. Cashman.....	409	John P. Ferns.....	438
1868.....	Samuel C. Stearns.....	175	John P. Ferns.....	438

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS—CONTINUED.

Year	Grand Lecturers.	Lodges.	Year	Grand Lecturers.	Lodges.
1822.....			1851.....	Charles Howard.....	27
1823.....			.....	Daniel C. McNeil.....	37
1824.....			1852.....	Reuben W. Scanland.....	56
1825.....	Henry H. Snow.....	Alton.	.....	George W. Sraley.....	86
1826 .....			.....	James H. Hibbard.....	27
1826 to '40			1853.....	Nelson D. Morse.....	26
1840.....			1854.....		
1841.....			1855.....	James J. Huntley.....	
1842.....			.....	William McMillan.....	
1843.....	Levi Lusk.....	9	1856.....	James J. Huntley.....	
1844.....	Levi Lusk.....	9	1857.....	Thomas Moore.....	91
1845.....	John Barney.....	32	.....	Charles Fisher.....	71
1846.....	John Barney.....	32	.....	Thomas J. Wade.....	40
1847.....	Carding Jackson.....	18	.....	Levi Lusk.....	9
1848.....	Carding Jackson.....	18	1858.....	Levi Lusk.....	9
1849.....	James H. Luce.....	1	.....	Benj. Richardson.....	42
1850.....	James H. Luce.....	1	.....	Leander Church.....	63

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS—CONTINUED.

Year	Grand Lecturers.	Lodges.	Year	Grand Lecturers.	Lodges.
1858..	D. W. Thompson.....	189	1865..	Thomas J. Wade.....	40
	Charles Fisher	71		Thomas J. Prickett.....	241
	C. C. Sympton.....	20		Elijah Spiller	241
	P. A. Dorwin.....	71		Paul B. Ring.....	33
	Calvin B. Kitchell.....	149		Ephraim McFarland....	1
	Thomas Moore	91		George E. Lounsbury...	290
1859..	Levi Lusk.....	9		A. L. Virden.....	161
	Thomas J. Wade.....	40		E. A. Ross.....	.....
	Charles Fisher.....	71	1866..	Thomas J. Wade.....	40
	Leander Church.....	63		M. D. Chamberlin.....	97
	Hiram W. Hubbard.....	42		Thomas J. Prickett.....	241
	D. W. Thomson.....	189		Rodney Ashley.....	389
	C. C. Sympton.....	20		Daniel G. Burr.....	77
	John W. Banker.....	1		A. L. Virden.....	161
	Calvin B. Kitchell.....	149		Ira S. Younglove.....	209
	H. W. Johnson.....	234		George O. Ide.....	112
1860..	Harman G. Reynolds....	333		A. S. Babcock.....	359
	James C. Luckey.....	187		Phares A. Dorwin.....	71
	Leander Church.....	63		Sylvester Stevens.....	400
	John C. Baker.....	78		B. F. Church.....	63
	H. W. Hubbard.....	42		Geo. E. Lounsbury.....	290
	Thomas J. Wade.....	40		John W. Banker.....	1
	David D. Irons.....	15	1867..	.....	.....
	C. C. Sympton.....	20		John W. Clyde.....	33
	John W. Banker.....	1	1868..	Thomas J. Prickett	241
	Charles Fisher.....	71		A. L. Virden	161
	James H. Hibbard	27		George O. Ide	587
	R. D. Hammond.....	17		Daniel G. Burr.....	77
1861..	.....	.....		Thomas J. Wade.....	40
1862..	Levi Lusk	9		M. D. Chamberlin.....	97
	Harrison Dills	1		Ira S. Younglove.....	209
	Thomas J. Wade.....	40		Gilbert W. Barnard.....	141
	Paul B. Ring.....	63		Phares A. Dorwin.....	71
	Leander Church.....	63		Rodney Ashley	389
	Michael J. Noyes.....	56		B. F. Church.....	63
	Charles Fisher.....	71		J. C. Winslow.....	38
	H. C. Fountain.....	64		John W. Banker.....	1
	William A. Hacker.....	111		A. S. Babcock.....	159
	D. G. Burr	77		Sylvester Stevens.....	400
	E. J. Rice.....	180		W. J. A. DeLancy.....	201
	David Simms.....	27		Alonzo Ransom.....	143
	C. S. Conger.....	272		John H. Barton.....	241
	Thomas Casad.....	342		John M. Ragains	64
	Lewis Keyon	15		Julius L. Dewey	584
	Rodney Ashley	389		Leander Church.....	63
	George C. Lanphere	155		OVERSEERS OF THE WORK.	
	J. Herman Bird.....	18			
	Frank G. Greene.....	311			
	James A. Hawley.....	7	1867..	M. D. Chamberlin.....	97
	M. D. Chamberlin.....	97		Thomas J. Wade.....	40
1863..	M. D. Chamberlin.....	97		Thomas J. Prickett	241
	Thomas J. Wade.....	40		INSPECTORS.	
	Jerome R. Gorin.....	8			
	Lewis Keyon	15			
	Daniel G. Burr.....	77	1868..	John W. Clyde.....	33
	A. L. Virden.....	161		Thomas J. Prickett.....	241
1864..	M. D. Chamberlin.....	97		A. L. Virden.....	161
	Thomas J. Wade.....	40		George O. Ide	587
	Thomas J. Prickett.....	241		Daniel G. Burr.....	77
1865..	M. D. Chamberlin.....	97			

HISTORY OF MASONRY IN ILLINOIS.

COMMITTEES.

Year	On Constitution and By-Laws.	Lodges.	Year	On Constitution and By-Laws.	Lodges.
1822..	Thomas Reynolds.....	Kaskas-	1849*	.....	.....
	C. W. Hunter.....	Kia.	1850..	William Lavelly.....	4
	Gilbert T. Pell	Alton.		Asa W. Blakesley.....	1
	James Turney.....	Albion.		John J. Perry.....	82
	Abner Field.....	Coving-	1855..	William B. Herrick.....	33
	William H. Brown.....	ton.		H. G. Reynolds.....	66
	James Hall.....	Jonesb'ro		J. H. Bird.....	33
	John York Sawyer.....	Vandalia.	1867..	Jerome R. Gorin	8
		Shawnee-		Wiley M. Egan.....	211
		town.		Asa M. Blakesley	1
		Edwards-		David P. Bunn.....	8
		ville.		H. G. Reynolds.....	333
1840..	William B. Warren.....	3		Wilson Hoag.....	416
	John T. Jones.....	3		John N. Ryan.....	24
	W. D. McCann.....	6			
1845..	William F. Walker.....	33			

*A committee appointed, but no record appears.

COMMITTEES—CONTINUED.

Year	On Finance.	Lodges.	Year	On Finance.	Lodges.
1822..	.....	.....	1847..	Joseph C. Ketcham.....	27
1823..	.....	.....		William Mitchell	15
1824..	Henry L. Webb.....	Jonesb'ro		Charles Howard	27
	Richard J. Hamilton ..	Jonesb'ro	1848..	William B. Warren	9
	Thomas Y. Reynolds...	Kaskas-		James L. Anderson.....	9
	Jesse B. Brown	kia.		William Siddall.....	2
	Henry H. Snow	Albion.	1849..	No record .....	.....
1826..	Emanuel J. West.....	Alton.	1850..	April— Wm. B. Warren..	3
1827	.....	.....		S. G. Dean	26
to '40	.....	.....		J. C. Miller.....	18
1840..	S. W. Lucas.....	3		Oct.— W. W. Bennett....	31
	C. Ludlum.....	3		Reuben W. Scanland ..	56
	Philip Coffman	3		Warren A. Reed	1
1841..	Alexander Dunlap.....	3	1851..	Timothy Souther	27
	Maurice Doyle.....	4		Jonathan F. Mason	66
	A. C. Dickson.....	3		Silas Ramsey	61
1842..	James Shepherd.....	4	1852..	John R. Case	33
	James Harvey	4		Cyrus C. Palmer	66
	C. Ludlum.....	3		William H. Turner	27
1843..	A. V. Putnam.....	3	1853..	Silas Ramsey	61
	Maurice Doyle.....	4		Thomas Shirley	33
	Alexander Dunlap.....	3		Wm. H. Turner.....	27
1844..	Nelson D. Morse.....	26	1854..	Flt B. Ames.....	70
	David Allen	27		Grover Ayres	4
	John McNeal	19		Cyrus C. Palmer.....	66
1845..	Nathan Dresser.....	19	1855..	Alymer Keith.....	65
	Nelson D. Morse.....	26		Wellington Loucks.....	15
	William Stewart	32		Robert Dott.....	134
1846..	James L. Anderson.....	9		George Thorp.....	27
	William Lavelly.....	4		Leopold Sterns	88
	W. W. Happy	3	1856..	Ira A. W. Buck	90
				James H. Hibbard.....	27

COMMITTEES—CONTINUED.

Year	On Finance.	Lodges.	Year	On Finance.	Lodges.
1856..	Sylvester Stevens.....	66	1863..	G. I. Ladd	226
1857..	Sylvester Stevens.....	66		*G. C. Lanphere.....	155
	B. F. Barry	27		*O. H. Miner	333
	C. B. Beckwith.....	134		*James A. Hawley	7
1858..	James H. Hibbard	27	1861..	George C. Lanphere	155
	Ira A. W. Buck	90		James A. Hawley	7
	A. L. Mitchell.....	166		O. H. Miner.....	333
1859..	James H. Hibbard.....	27	1865..	George C. Lanphere	155
	Nelson D. Elwood	175		James A. Hawley	7
	W. B. Allen	90		O. H. Miner.....	333
1860..	E. F. W. Ellis.....	166	1866..	George C. Lanphere	155
	E. W. Jones	160		O. H. Miner.....	333
	James Steele.....	268		James Lowe	1
1861..	William S. Brooks.....	175	1867..	O. H. Miner.....	333
	Jerome R. Gorin.....	8		James Lowe	1
	James R. Mack	158		A. A. Murray.....	312
1862..	Jerome R. Gorin.....	8	1868..	James Lowe	1
	E. W. Jones	160		George C. Lanphere	155
	L. A. Fuller	175		A. A. Glenn	44
1863..	George W. Deering	308		James Hill.....	561
	James Lowe	1		George A. Gilbert.....	198

* Appointed in vacation.

COMMITTEES—CONTINUED.

Year	On Credentials.	Lodges.	Year	On Credentials.	Lodges.
1824..	John York Sawyer.....	Edwards-ville.	1853..	R. S. Patterson.....	88
	James O. Wattles.....	Albion.		J. B. Samuels.....	50
	J. B. Brown	Albion.		Thomas J. Wade.....	40
1826..	— Hay	Alton.	1854..	James Price.....	66
	Alex. Hart.....	Alton.		John W. Proctor.....	104
	John Whitaker.....	Alton.		S. C. Stevens.....	78
1827 to '40..	.....	.....		H. S. Jacobs.....	116
1840..	W. S. Vance.....	3	1855..	W. H. Turner.....	27
	James Adams.....	4		E. B. Stevens.....	33
	H. Rogers.....	1		Erastur Torrey.....	97
1841..	.....	.....		David Rice.....	37
1842..	.....	.....		A. E. Drain.....	39
1843..	.....	.....	1856..	E. M. Haines.....	78
1844..	.....	.....		Thomas Moore.....	91
1845..	.....	.....		Samuel Hutton.....	39
1846..	.....	.....	1857..	Asa W. Blakesley.....	1
1847..	.....	.....		J. B. Kyle	17
1848..	.....	.....		Cesar A. Roberts	29
1849..	.....	.....	1858..	Asa W. Blakesley.....	1
1850..	W. B. Warren.....	3		George C. Lanphere.....	155
	W. W. Bennett.....	31		Cesar A. Roberts	29
	James L. Anderson.....	9	1859..	Asa W. Blakesley.....	1
1851..	.....	.....		T. J. Buford.....	57
1852..	A. W. Blakesley.....	1		John T. Cox.....	250
	J. H. Hibbard	27		G. C. Ward.....	234
	.....	.....		W. A. Hacker.....	111
	.....	.....		Jas. J. Hunt.....	66

COMMITTEES—CONTINUED.

Year	On Credentials.	Lodges.	Year	On Credentials.	Lodges.
1859.	C. B. Wells.....	139	1863.	John Ruggles, Jr.....	187
1860.	Asa W. Blakesly.....	1	1864.	T. J. Hale.....	66
	James Steele.....	268		H. C. Talbott.....	28
	A. Ransom.....	143		Saml. Levinson.....	35
	A. B. McNeal.....	227		L. Church.....	63
	N. E. Bailou.....	283		W. B. Bateham.....	141
	J. C. Baker.....	324		T. W. Black.....	130
	J. H. Matheny.....	4		D. G. Burr.....	77
1861.	Asa W. Blakesly.....	1	1865.	A. S. Babcock.....	359
	David D. Irons.....	15		D. G. Burr.....	77
	J. T. Seudder.....	248		Thomas Moore.....	91
1862.	A. B. Keith.....	209	1866.	D. E. Head.....	20
	A. J. Grover.....	57		J. L. Davis.....	4
	D. G. Burr.....	77		J. C. Winslow.....	38
	Geo. Seaman.....	110	1867.	C. H. Flower.....	71
	Dudley McLean.....	77		M. E. Chase.....	228
	Geo. C. Lanphere.....	155		John C. Reynolds.....	333
	J. L. Ramsey.....	13	1868.	C. H. Flower.....	71
1863.	E. W. Jones.....	310		Joseph Holland.....	70
	D. E. Head.....	20		Geo. H. Harlow.....	500
	C. C. Warren.....	270		T. M. Morse.....	350
	J. M. Moon.....	320		Joseph Schultz.....	130
	A. A. Murray.....	312			

COMMITTEES—CONTINUED.

Year	Appeals and Grievances	Lodges.	Year	Appeals and Grievances	Lodges.
1824.	William Alexander.....	Jonesb'ro	1846.	William Lavelly.....	4
	James M. Duncan.....	Vandalia.		W. W. Happy.....	3
	Thomas Y. Reynolds ..	Kaskas-	1847.	Samuel H. Davis	15
		kia.		Adam Brewer.....	30
1826.	James O. Wattles	Albion.		Harrison Dills	1
	Henry L. Webb.....	Jonesb'ro	1848.	William McMurtry	26
	Henry J. Mills.....	Albion.		Levi Lusk.....	9
1827 to '40	.....	.....		Joseph C. Ketchum	27
1840.	Harrison Dills.....	1	1849.	E. H. Freeman	59
	Alexander Dunlap.....	3		Z. Case.....	79
	Mathew Stacy.....	3	1850.	E. R. Roe.....	3
1841.	Meredith Helm.....	4		C. G. Y. Taylor	24
	John Crockett	1		Wm. McMurtry.....	26
	George Hackett.....	3	1851.	.....	.....
1842.	Meredith Helm.....	4	1852.	Wm. McMurtry.....	26
	J. H. Luce	1		Levi Lusk.....	6
	J. S. Post	8		Daniel C. McNeil	37
1843.	N. L. Scoville	12	1853.	John C. Heyl.....	46
	Henry Prather	8		Ira A. W. Buck.....	90
	Levi Lusk	9		Samuel Hutton.....	39
1844.	Charles H. Pringle.....	8	1854.	A. W. Rawson.....	145
	C. M. Bartleson.....	17		Stephen Palmer.....	49
	George Kelly	24		R. C. Cabeen.....	113
1845.	John C. Heyl	15	1855.	A. W. Rawson.....	145
	William Ervin	17		W. B. Herrick.....	33
	W. H. Gayle.....	28		E. M. M. Clarke.....	9
1846.	James L. Anderson.....	9		A. Hayden.....	48
				M. J. Noyes	56

COMMITTEES—CONTINUED.

Year	Appeals and Grievances	Lodges.	Year	Appeals and Grievances	Lodges.
1856..	William McMurtry	26	1862..	J. L. Anderson	0
	J. V. Z. Bianey	33		H. W. Hubbard	124
	Andrew J. Kuykendall	150		* P. A. Armstrong	268
	David B. Rice	37		John T. Douglass	175
	J. B. Kyle	17		* Edmund Wilcox	7
	Stephen Palmer	49	1863..	James A. Hawley	144
	John Bennett	19		J. W. Smull	366
1857..	James R. Mack	158		W. T. Sylvester	271
	John H. Weir	99		D. C. Cregier	13
	N. H. Dearborn	48		Geo. W. Lininger	0
	John C. Heyl	15	1864..	James L. Anderson	50
	L. P. Cheeney	211		J. B. Samuel	178
1858..	Michael J. Noyes	66		F. Hudson	8
	Charles Howard	25	1865..	J. R. Gorin	133
	Thomas J. Wade	40		Samuel Park	178
	Elias Hibbard	27		F. Hudson	245
	Reuben Cleveland	211		J. F. Alexander	350
1859..	Michael J. Noyes	56		T. M. Morse	4
	Thomas J. Wade	40	1866..	William Lavelly	9
	Stephen A. Hurlbut	60		Levi Lusk	90
	Louis Keyon	15		Ira A. W. Buck	56
	E. W. Vining	190		M. J. Noyes	35
	Jacob Harding	77		George W. Teel	1
	Charles Wheaton	73	1867..	A. W. Blakesly	71
1860..	M. J. Noyes	56		P. A. Dorwin	381
	S. A. Hurlbut	60		L. L. Munn	44
	H. W. Hubbard	42		A. A. Glenn	178
	Aaron R. Stout	14		F. Hudson	24
	W. B. Allen	90		J. N. Ryan	143
	J. B. Samuel	50		Alonzo Ransom	178
	J. Hancock	263	1868..	F. Hudson	78
1861..	M. J. Noyes	56		John C. Baker	150
	Thos. J. Wade	40		A. J. Kuykendall	211
	P. A. Armstrong	124		Reuben Cleveland	50
	D. G. Burr	77		J. B. Samuel	509
	H. W. Johnson	234		George Mason	

* Not present, Gilbert R. Smith, 271; and David Wiley, 24, substituted.

COMMITTEES—CONTINUED.

Year	On Obituaries.	Lodges.	Year	On Obituaries.	Lodges.
1861..	T. J. Prickett	15	1865..	D. C. Jones	130
	P. A. Armstrong	124	1866..	J. W. Spalding	155
	William Lavelly	4		George Darrah	356
1862..	Levi Lusk	9		A. E. Cutler	211
	Thos. J. Wade	40	1867..	J. A. Hawley	7
	Jonathan Young	77		E. H. Baker	102
1863..	John W. Norris	141		W. E. Nelson	312
	A. S. Converse	372		T. B. Wakeman	309
	J. D. Park	246		H. G. Dearborn	318
1864..	John W. Spalding	155	1868..	W. A. Levanway	17
	B. S. Prettyman	26		S. C. Stearns	175
	E. H. Baker	102		J. C. McMurtry	26
1865..	J. W. Spalding	155		Geo. M. Reynolds	317
	Charles Trowbridge	159		S. B. Dugger	76

COMMITTEES—CONTINUED.

Year	Mileage and Per Diem.	Lodges.	Year	Mileage and Per Diem.	Lodges.
1855..	E. M. M. Clarke	9	1861..	Geo. W. Lininger	12
	John C. Anderson.....	114		James C. Luckey	187
	John S. Winter	66		W. C. Tiffany	78
	B. F. Barry	27	1862..	Geo. W. Lininger	13
	Wellington Loucks.....	15		S. Y. Perce.....	343
1856..	J. S. Rearden	14		Charles Fisher.....	71
	William Little.....	96	1863..	James B. Hickox.....	219
	John B. McIntosh.....	80		James P. Brewster.....	160
1857..	Wm. M. Bowdoin.....	166		W. S. Lane	244
	John H. Bohn	188	1864..	Thos. J. Henderson.....	93
	E. C. Matheny.....	4		A. A. Glenn	44
1858..	F. K. Hulburd.....	124		R. B. Smith.....	284
	Wm. V. Plumb.....	254	1865..	H. F. Royce.....	231
	J. W. Gibson	207		Frederick Ball	374
1859..	William V. Plumb.....	254		J. W. Banker	1
	Reuben Cleveland.....	211	1866..	T. B. Cabeen.....	113
	J. W. Spalding.....	155		W. A. J. DeLancey	201
	James A. Hawley.....	7		S. B. Dugger.....	76
	W. M. Beck.....	140	1867..	John K. Bashforth.....	45
	M. F. Mitchell.....	208		A. N. Lodge.....	89
	J. W. Johnson	53		J. H. Samson.....	111
1860..	Edmund Wilcox	175		H. Palmer	362
	J. R. Mack.....	158		J. W. Spalding	155
	W. M. Egan.....	211	1868..	G. W. Barnard.....	141
	E. W. True	260		C. Wilson	30
	W. W. Apperson	179		J. C. Luckey.....	187
	C. L. Smith	117		A. W. Cowan	294
	C. A. Chace	189		J. H. Crocker	454

COMMITTEES—CONTINUED.

Year	General Committee.	Lodges.	Year	General Committee.	Lodges.
1859..	Harrison Dills	1	1864..	F. B. Haller.....	16
	W. W. Jackson	18	1865..	J. M. Holyoke.....	291
	Caleb Finch	155		C. W. Teitsort.....	152
1860..	T. J. Prickett	15		W. H. Hanna	196
	Harrison Dills.....	1	1866..	J. M. Holyoke	291
	P. A. Armstrong.....	124		Milo Winchell	81
1861..	A. A. Glenn	44		Charles Spalding.....	263
	Caleb Finch.....	155	1867..	Thomas Moore	91
	E. J. Rice	180		H. W. Hubbard	201
1862..	J. R. Mack.....	158		J. W. Brewer	561
	W. R. Weld	74		Willis Y. Francis	15
1863..	W. C. Snyder.....	189		T. W. Hay.....	272
	Samuel Snider.....	273	1868..	H. W. Hubbard	201
	C. H. Brunk.....	322		E. E. Thomas.....	63
1864..	James Lowe	1		R. D. Hammond.....	553
	C. S. Conger.....	272		T. W. Hay	272

COMMITTEES—CONTINUED.

Year	On Jurisprudence.	Lodges.	Year	On Jurisprudence.	Lodges.
1853..	W. C. Hobbs*.....	43	1862..	Levi Lusk.....	9
	Nelson D. Morse†.....	26		P. A. Armstrong.....	124
	H. G. Reynolds.....	66		Jonathan Young.....	77
1854..	W. C. Hobbs†.....	43		A. W. Chabin.....	53
	James V. Z. Blaney†.....	33		D. W. Thompson.....	189
	H. G. Reynolds.....	66	1863..	Abraham Jonas.....	39
1855..	W. C. Hobbs.....	43		Levi Lusk.....	9
	James V. Z. Blaney.....	33		William Lavelly.....	4
	H. G. Reynolds.....	66		Ira A. W. Buck.....	90
1856..	W. C. Hobbs.....	43		James H. Hibbard.....	27
	James L. Anderson.....	9		F. M. Blair.....	77
	Ira A. W. Buck.....	90		C. A. Roberts.....	29
1857..	Levi Lusk‡.....	9	1864..	William Lavelly§.....	4
	William Lavelly‡.....	4		Levi Lusk.....	9
	J. B. Samuel‡.....	50		Horace Hayward||.....	140
	William Lavelly.....	4		William Lavelly‡.....	4
	Levi Lusk||.....	9		Levi Lusk‡.....	9
	A. W. Blakesly.....	1		M. J. Noyes‡.....	56
	James B. Samuel||.....	50		William McMurtry‡.....	26
	P. A. Hoyne†.....	160		J. R. Gorin‡.....	8
	Silas C. Toler.....	111		Horace Hayward‡.....	140
	H. G. Reynolds.....	66		Paul B. Ring‡.....	33
1858..	W. C. Hobbs.....	43	1865..	Thomas J. Turner.....	97
	Levi Lusk.....	9		Wiley M. Egan.....	211
	James H. Hibbard.....	27		H. Hayward.....	140
	Harrison Dills.....	1		John M. Pearson.....	27
	J. B. Samuel.....	50		Mason Brayman.....	4
	P. A. Hoyne.....	160		Paul B. Ring.....	33
	A. W. Blakesly.....	1		Thomas Moore.....	91
1859..	W. C. Hobbs.....	43	1866..	H. P. H. Bromwell.....	35
	Levi Lusk.....	9		William Lavelly.....	4
	Harrison Dills.....	1		Ira A. W. Buck.....	90
	J. B. Samuel.....	50		W. M. Egan.....	211
	W. B. Allen.....	90		J. M. Pearson.....	27
	Asa W. Blakesly.....	1		Geo. C. Lanphere.....	155
	C. B. Wells.....	139		John Bennett.....	19
1860..	William C. Hobbs**.....	43	1867..	H. P. H. Bromwell.....	35
	Harrison Dills**.....	1		William Lavelly.....	4
	William B. Allen**.....	90		W. M. Egan.....	211
	E. F. W. Ellis**.....	166		H. Hayward.....	140
	Perry A. Armstrong.....	124		John Bennett.....	19
	Levi Lusk.....	9		O. H. Miner.....	333
	James H. Matheny**.....	4		Thomas J. Henderson.....	93
1861..	Ira A. W. Buck.....	90	1868..	Jerome R. Gorin.....	8
	Levi Lusk.....	9		William Lavelly.....	4
	Thos. J. Pickett.....	15		H. P. H. Bromwell.....	35
	James V. Z. Blaney.....	33		W. M. Egan.....	211
	Jonathan Young.....	77		H. Hayward.....	140
	William A. Hacker.....	111		Jos. O. Cunningham.....	157
	Harman G. Reynolds.....	333		O. H. Miner.....	333
1862..	William Lavelly.....	4		John Bennett.....	19
	William B. Warren.....	3			

* Absent 1854, William Lavelly (4) appointed for the session. † Deceased, Elias Hibbard (27) substituted. ‡ Absent 1855, W. B. Warren (3), and Thomas J. Pickett (15), substituted. § For the session. || During vacation. ¶ Ira A. W. Buck substituted for session of 1858. ** Not present at session of 1861, J. V. Z. Blaney (33), J. H. Hibbard (27), and James L. Anderson (9), substituted.

COMMITTEES—CONTINUED.

Year	To examine Visiting Brethren.	Lodges.	Year	To examine Visiting Brethren.	Lodges.
1824..			1859..	J. W. Spalding	155
1826..				Charles Fisher	71
1827				George Mason	140
to '40				J. T. Douglas	268
1840..	Meredith Helm.....	4		J. C. Baker	78
	John Gregory	3		Thomas Moore	91
1841..	John Gregory	3		J. H. Bohn	188
	George A. Patterson	8	1860..	J. W. Spalding	155
1842..	Mathew Stacy.....	3		Charles Fisher	71
	W. W. Happy	3		J. H. Smith	307
1843..	George Hackett.....	3		I. Benjamin.....	39
	John Bennett.....	19		John Preble	218
	A. V. Putnam.....	3		Thomas Moore	291
1844..	W. G. Goforth.....	24		H. W. Johnson	234
	P. Coffman	3	1861..	Charles Fisher	71
	Charles H. Pringle	8		Thomas J. Wade	40
1845..	Edgar Bogardus	14	1862..	Thomas Moore	91
	William S. Hurst	3		W. S. Lane	237
	William Stuart	32		George Crossley	112
1846..	John C. Heyl	15		Charles Trowbridge	159
	Samuel H. Davis	15		George W. Albin	279
1847..	A. C. Dickson.....	3	1863..		
	Carding Jackson	18	1864..	T. J. Wade	40
1848..	William A. Dickey	4		Rodney Ashley	389
	Stephen G. Hicks.....	31		F. G. Greene	311
1849..	Carding Jackson	18		Paul B. Ring	33
	William S. Hurst	3		Lewis Keyon	15
1850..	M. McLaughlin	76	1865..	T. J. Wade	40
	T. Souther	27		P. B. Ring	33
	W. W. Bennett	31		Rodney Ashley	389
1851..	Z. P. Cabanis	4		A. L. Virden	161
	J. H. Hibbard.....	27		Lewis Keyon	15
1852..	W. S. Hurst.....	3	1866..	T. J. Wade	40
	S. G. Dean	26		M. D. Chamberlin.....	97
1853..	Thomas J. Prickett.....	15		T. J. Prickett	241
	P. A. Whittaker.....	57		Rodney Ashley.....	389
	Charles Fisher	71		A. M. Bennett.....	411
1854..	Thomas Shirley.....	33	1867..	T. J. Wade	40
	C. C. Sympson	20		T. J. Prickett	241
	Wellington Loucks.....	15		A. L. Virden	161
1855..	Thomas Shirley.....	33		J. W. Banker	1
	J. C. McMurtry	26		Geo. E. Lounsbury	290
1856..	Harrison Dills	1		D. G. Burr	77
	N. B. Dodson	124	1868..	T. J. Wade	40
1857..	J. J. Huntley	225		T. J. Prickett	241
	J. B. Samuel	50		P. A. Dorwin	71
	D. D. Irons	15		Rodney Ashley	389
1858..	Sylvester Stevens.....	66		A. L. Virden	161
	Charles Fisher	71		D. G. Burr	77
	Daniel G. Burr	77		J. W. Banker	1

COMMITTEES—CONTINUED.

Year	Foreign Corresp'nd'nce	Lodges.	Year	Foreign Corresp'nd'n'ce	Lodges.
1826.	James O. Wattles	Albion.	1854.	William H. Turner	27
	Henry L. Webb	Jones- boro.		E. B. Stevens	33
	Henry J. Mills	Albion.	1855.	.....	.....
1827 to '40	.....	.....	1856.	H. G. Reynolds	66
1841.	.....	.....		Thomas J. Pickett	15
1842.	.....	.....		David B. Rice	37
1843.	W. B. Warren	3	1857.	H. G. Reynolds	66
	William Hodge	16		David B. Rice	37
	Francis A. McNeil	4		L. P. Cheney	211
1844.	W. B. Warren	3	1858.	William Lavelly	4
	Levi Lusk	9		David B. Rice	37
	Charles Montague	21		L. P. Cheney	211
1845.	William F. Walker	33	1859.	H. G. Reynolds	4
	John R. Crandall	29		William Lavelly	4
	Alexander Dunlap	3		Thomas J. Pickett	15
1846.	Levi Lusk	9	1860.	H. G. Reynolds	333
	J. H. Luce	1		William Lavelly	4
	James H. Matheny	4		E. W. Jones	160
1847.	Levi Lusk	■	1861.	J. H. Hibbard	27
	James L. Anderson	9		William Lavelly	4
	Samuel H. Davis	15		Thomas J. Wade	40
1848.	Samuel H. Davis	15	1862.	A. W. Blakesley	1
	James L. Anderson	9		J. H. Hibbard	27
	William Mitchell	15	1863.	W. A. Conkey	199
1849.	Thomas J. Pickett	15		Newton Bateman	71
	H. G. Reynolds	49		James L. Anderson	9
	John T. Lindsay	46		John S. Winter	66
1850.	Thomas J. Pickett	15	1864.	James L. Anderson	9
	H. G. Reynolds	49		H. G. Reynolds	333
	John T. Lindsay	46		H. N. Hibbard	422
1851.	William Lavelly	4	1865.	S. A. Hurlbut	60
	Thomas J. Pickett	15		H. G. Reynolds	333
	Elias Hibbard	25		D. C. Cregier	271
1852.	John T. Lindsay	15	1866.	James H. Matheny	4
	H. G. Reynolds	66		John C. Bagby	9
	C. W. Matheny	4		James M. Buford	57
1853.	Thomas J. Pickett	15	1867.	A. W. Blakesley	1
	J. B. Samuel	50		H. G. Reynolds	333
	John Stewart	110		J. M. Pearson	27
1854.	John H. Bird	33	1868.	Joseph Robbins	296
				J. M. Pearson	28
				D. A. Cashman	409

COMMITTEES—CONTINUED.

Year	Unfinished Business.	Lodges.	Year	Unfinished Business.	Lodges.
1846.	Charles Howard	25	1847.	A. C. Dickson	3
	John R. Crandall	29	1848.	Joseph C. Ketchum	27
	A. C. Dickson	3		George Davis	33
1847.	O. C. Skinner	1		Thomas J. Pickett	15
	Carding Jackson	18			

No Committee on Unfinished Business was appointed after the year 1848.

COMMITTEES—CONTINUED.

Year	Chartered Lodges.	Lodges.	Year	Chartered Lodges.	Lodges.
1824..	Henry J. Mills	Albion.	1855..	W. W. Jackson	18
	Thomas J. McGuire	Edwards-		Samuel Hutton	39
		ville.		George W. Teel	35
	Richard J. Hamilton		1856..	John R. Case	33
1826..	Henry H. Snow	Alton.		Asa W. Blakesley	1
	J. M. Peebles	Vandalia.		E. R. Rogers	28
	James O. Wattles	Vandalia.		D. D. Irons	15
1827				Nelson D. Elwood	175
to '40				B. B. Payne	48
1840..				Joseph B. Holmes	72
1841..	Harrison Dills	1	1857..	A. J. Kuykendall	150
	James Shepherd	4		Charles Hays	25
	Mathew Stacy	3		B. B. Payne	48
1842	Meredith Helm	4		J. W. Spalding	155
	J. A. Ralston	1		— Winston*	
	Henry Prather	8		Reuben Cleveland	211
1843..	Levi Lusk	9		E. A. Whipple	61
	William Hodge	16		Edmund Wileox	175
	J. B. Conyers	1		George Cowper	18
1844..	Carding Jackson	18	1858..	J. W. Spalding	155
	Peter Sweat	15		William M. Beck	140
	Charles Howard	25		E. W. Jones	141
1845..	Z. P. Cabanis	4		G. A. Austin	63
	William Ervin	17		T. J. Buford	57
	William S. Hurst	3		W. W. Wardell	164
1846..	William Mitchell	15		Michael Grant	49
	William McMurtry	26		P. A. Dorwin	71
	Carding Jackson	18		Daniel Wadsworth	354
1847..	William McMurtry	26		Thomas Moore	91
	W. W. Happy	3	1859..	James Steele	268
	E. R. Roe	14		T. J. Pickett	15
1848..	Nelson D. Morse	26		E. F. W. Ellis	166
	James L. Anderson	9		W. M. Egan	211
	R. D. Hammond*	37		D. McLain	77
1849..	Z. P. Cabanis	4		A. H. Edson	201
	P. A. Whittaker	57		James E. Dalliba	33
	John T. Knox	14		E. A. Whipple	61
1850..	James L. Anderson	9		Robert Gibson	126
	Thomas Hollowbush	68	1860..	T. J. Wade	40
	J. W. Keyes	4		J. C. Baker	324
1851..	William Lavelly	4		W. B. Smith	119
	Levi Lusk	9		David D. Irons	15
	R. S. Patterson	88		Daniel Cameron, Jr.	271
1852..	W. C. Hobbs	43		S. O. Vaughn	144
	Nelson D. Morse	26		John Bennett	19
	William Lavelly	4	1860..	A. J. Stoner	108
1853..	John Carlin	20		A. T. Benson	89
	Thomas Quick	28	1861..	John C. Baker	324
	T. O. Wilson	18		L. W. Fletcher	170
	Clark B. Stebbins	46		John W. Banker	1
1854..	John Carlin	20		B. B. Payne	48
	Reuben W. Scanland	56		James G. Wright	65
	John W. Shinn	30	1862..	Sylvester Stevens	66
	John Crockett	1		D. W. Zink	280
	William Siddall	2		Geo. H. Holliday	76
1855..	Levi Lusk	9	1863..	Sylvester Stevens	66
	J. B. Kyle	17		H. B. Pierce	139
	James S. Rearden	14		John T. Douglas	268
	J. W. Spalding	155	1864..	William Smith	175

*Was not present.

COMMITTEES—CONTINUED.

Year	Chartered Lodges.	Lodges.	Year	Chartered Lodges.	Lodges.
1864..	Geo. H. Gibson.....	211	1867..	Benjamin Kersey.....	400
	G. G. Morris.....	290		A. S. Converse.....	372
1865..	D. C. Cregier.....	271	1868..	D. A. Cashman.....	400
	J. C. Winslow.....	38		Geo. O. Ide.....	112
	Benjamin Kersey.....	400		J. C. Winalow.....	38
1866..	Francis Hudson.....	178		G. W. Staley.....	86
	P. A. Dorwin.....	71		A. S. Converse.....	372
	J. H. Samson.....	111		J. E. Y. Hanna*.....	131
1867..	D. C. Cregier.....	271		D. M. Eiker.....	66
	Sharon Tyndale.....	500		J. C. Reynolds.....	333

COMMITTEES—CONTINUED.

Year	On the Library.	Lodges.	Year	On the Librray.	Lodges.
1859..	William Lavelly.....	4	1864..	Geo. H. Gibson.....	211
	C. W. Matheny.....	4		J. F. Alexander.....	245
	H. G. Reynolds.....	4		Z. A. Enos.....	71
1860..	William Lavelly.....	4	1865..	Z. A. Enos.....	71
	E. L. Gross.....	333		J. H. Samson.....	111
	H. G. Reynolds.....	333		L. T. Hewins.....	316
1861..	H. G. Reynolds.....	333	1866..	W. B. Bateham.....	141
	William Lavelly.....	4		Levi Lusk.....	9
	E. L. Gross.....	333		H. G. Reynolds.....	333
1862..	M. J. Noyes.....	56	1867..	Levi Lusk.....	9
	L. W. Fletcher.....	170		Thomas Moore.....	91
	H. G. Reynolds.....	333		H. G. Reynolds.....	333
1863..	H. G. Reynolds.....	333	1868..	O. H. Miner.....	333
	William McMurtry.....	26		Levi Lusk.....	44
	P. B. Ring.....	33		L. W. Shepherd.....	500

COMMITTEES—CONTINUED.

Year	On Petitions.	Lodges.	Year	On Petitions.	Lodges.
1869..	John T. Cox.....	250	1863..	Newton Bateman.....	71
	J. F. Smith.....	150	1864..	M. J. Noyes.....	56
	J. C. Winters.....	80		D. C. Cregier.....	271
	Robert Barker.....	36		A. A. Murray.....	312
1860..	P. A. Armstrong.....	124	1865..	Z. A. Enos.....	71
	J. B. Kyle.....	17		John H. Harding.....	148
	James McCabe.....	133		Joseph Armitage.....	75
	J. K. Sweet.....	104	1866..	T. M. Morse.....	350
	Henry Tanner.....	77		D. H. Morgan.....	348
1861..	N. W. Huntley.....	211		W. A. Smith.....	369
	Charles Trowbridge.....	159	1867..	W. H. Hanna.....	196
	O. H. Miner.....	333		C. Bye.....	332
1862..	J. A. Hawley.....	7		Geo. A. Gilbert.....	198
	Ira Goddard.....	211	1868..	W. H. Hanna.....	196
	R. B. Carson.....	243		S. C. Miller.....	67
1863..	Barnhart Meals.....	46		Milo Winchell.....	81
	Peter Holman.....	188		A. N. Lodge.....	89
	H. T. Royce.....	231		Henry Palmer.....	362

COMMITTEES—CONTINUED.

Year	Lodges U. D.	Lodges.	Year	Lodges U. D.	Lodges.
1845..	Nelson D. Morse.....	26	1858..	David E. Head	20
	James L. Anderson.....	9		— Wynn*.....	.....
	William Lavelly.....	4	1859..	Levi Lusk.....	9
1846..	W. W. Happy.....	3		A. Simpson.....	20
	Harrison Dills.....	1		E. W. Smith.....	63
	Arnold R. Robinson.....	4		J. B. Kyle.....	17
1847..	John R. Crandall.....	29		D. McLain	77
	C. G. Y. Taylor.....	24		— Wiley*.....	.....
	James L. Anderson.....	9		John J. Hallam.....	201
1848..	Harrison Dills.....	1	1860..	John T. Cox.....	250
	W. C. Hobbs.....	43		T. B. Cabeen	113
	A. G. Mitchell.....	35		J. D. Kennedy	303
1849..	Harrison Dills	1		J. A. Church	165
	Daniel Waldo.....	52		S. Stevens.....	66
	C. B. Stebbins.....	146		D. W. Thomson.....	189
1850..	Elias Hibbard	27		Leander Church	63
	W. S. Hall.....	17		John Carlin.....	20
	Cyrus A. Davis.....	50	1861..	H. W. Hubbard	112
1851..	H. G. Reynolds.....	66		John T. Cox	250
	W. S. Hurst.....	3		E. P. Shaw	268
	Nathan Dresser.....	68		S. C. Toler.....	111
1852..	James L. Anderson.....	9		Reuben Cleveland	211
	John C. Heyl.....	46	1862..	John W. Banker	1
	James H. Miles.....	29		Joseph Robbins.....	296
1853..	James L. Anderson.....	9		Alonzo Ransom.....	143
	B. B. Payne.....	48	1863..	Charles Trowbridge	159
	W. M. Eubanks.....	89		S. O. Vaughn	144
1854..	Levi Lusk	9		A. A. Glenn	44
	B. B. Payne.....	48	1864..	T. B. Wakeman.....	309
	L. M. Riley.....	128		C. C. Halladay	304
1855..	Thomas J. Wade	13		W. W. Stevens	42
	R. W. Scanland.....	56	1865..	W. B. Bateham	141
	H. S. Jacob.....	116		Alonzo Ransom.....	143
	N. H. Dearborn.....	48		Isador Benjamin	39
	Sylvester Stevens.....	66	1866..	George W. Lininger ..	13
1856..	Levi Lusk	9		John W. Banker	1
	Elias Hibbard.....	27		T. J. Henderson	93
	H. G. Calhoun.....	113	1867..	Thomas J. Henderson..	93
	F. M. Blair	77		William S. Easton	40
	John T. Cox	136		J. O. Cunningham.....	157
	J. W. Glasgow.....	29		G. W. Hartman	347
	John C. Anderson.....	114		John M. VanDeren	333
1857..	Levi Lusk	9	1868..	J. O. Cunningham.....	157
	D. B. Rice.....	37		J. K. Bashforth.....	45
	James McCracken	56		Ira S. Younglove	209
	John T. Cox.....	.....		G. W. Hartman	347
	William S. Price	133		J. G. Robinson	99
1858..	Levi Lusk	9		D. A. Cook	176
	John T. Cox.....	250		J. W. Davidson	521
	J. H. Samson	111			

*Was not present.

COMMITTEES—CONTINUED.

Year	On Address of Grand Master.	Lodges.	Year	On Address of Grand Master.	Lodges.
1843..	William B. Warren	3	1857..	William McMurtry	26
	William Hodge	16		R. B. Latham	210
	Francis A. McNeil	4	1858..	William B. Warren	3
1844*	.....	.....		Nelson D. Elwood	175
1845..	William F. Walker	33		Ira A. W. Buck	90
	James L. Anderson	9		William Lavelly	4
	Edgar Bogardus	14	1859..	Nelson D. Elwood	175
1846..	William Mitchell	15		Andrew Mason	209
	Peter Sweat	15		D. B. Rice	37
	Harrison Dills	1		Thos. J. Pickett	15
1847..	Abraham Jonas	39		James H. Matheny	4
	Samuel H. Davis	15		S. A. Hurlbut	60
	C. G. Y. Taylor	24		D. W. Thompson	189
1848..	James L. Anderson	9		L. P. Cheney	211
	J. N. Ralston	1		W. C. Hobbs	43
	J. H. Holton	39		M. J. Noyes	56
	W. W. Happy	3		J. B. Samuel	50
1849..	T. J. Pickett	15	1860..	Thos J. Pickett	15
	W. C. Hobbs	43		W. C. Hobbs	43
	H. G. Reynolds	49		Harrison Dills	1
	J. H. Holton	39	1861..	James V. Z. Blaney	33
1850†	William B. Warren	3		J. H. Hibbard	27
	Mason Brayman	4		J. L. Anderson	9
	B. C. Snyder	27	1862..	William Lavelly	4
1850‡	James L. Anderson	9		M. J. Noyes	56
	T. J. Pickett	15		A. W. Blakesly	1
	E. R. Roe	14	1863..	H. P. Buxton	79
	Elias Hibbard	27		Joseph Robbins	296
	C. G. Y. Taylor	24		W. R. Weld	74
1851..	E. R. Roe	14	1864..	Wiley M. Egan	211
	William Lavelly	4		Levi Lusk	9
	Levi Lusk	9		John M. Pearson	27
	James V. Z. Blaney	33	1865..	S. A. Hurlbut	60
	B. F. Sargeant	27		James M. True	260
	Nathan Dresser	68		J. A. McClernand	71
	E. B. Ames	70		M. Brayman	4
	C. H. Roberts	94		J. M. Pearson	27
1852..	James L. Anderson	9	1866..	J. M. True	260
	W. C. Hobbs	43		A. C. Fuller	60
	Edward Kipp	82		P. A. Armstrong	124
1853..	Thos. J. Pickett	15		H. Hayward	140
	James H. Matheny	4		Elias Hibbard	27
	B. B. Payne	48	1867..	H. P. H. Bromwell	35
	N. D. Morse	26		Harrison Dills	1
1854‡	William Lavelly	4		O. H. Miner	333
	Levi Lusk	9		W. M. Egan	211
	E. B. Ames	70		J. N. Ryan	24
1855..	Thos. J. Pickett	15		J. W. Clyde	33
	Ira A. W. Buck	90		D. P. Bunn	8
	Samuel Hutton	39		B. F. Church	63
1856..	Thos. J. Pickett	15		A. W. Blakesly	1
	William Lavelly	4		H. S. Jacob	116
	J. B. Samuel	50	1868..	W. G. Swan	33
	A. J. Kuykendall	150		Geo W. Bright	8
	D. B. Rice	37		E. J. Rice	180
1857..	William Lavelly	4		L. W. Shepherd	500
	James H. Matheny	4		Geo. W. Jones	56
	C. Goodbrake	84			

* No address, consequently no committee. † Special session. ‡ Regular session. § Grand Master Warren was not present at the session of 1854; the committee given above was appointed to consider the "Report of the Deputy Grand Master."

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

Year	Districts and Deputies.	Lodges.	Year	Districts and Deputies.	Lodges.
1867..	1. Thomas Moore.....	91	1868..	7. William S. Eaton ...	40
	2. DeWitt C. Jones.....	130		8. Rodney Ashley.....	389
	3. C. S. Conger.....	272		9. Jos. O. Cunningham	157
	4. Horace Hayward.....	140		10. John Bennett	19
	5. Archibald A. Glenn..	44		11. Sylvester Stevens...	400
	6. John Bennett.....	19		12. David E. Head.....	20
	7. Charles Fisher.....	71		13. Asa W. Blakesley ...	1
	8. James M. True.....	260		14. Archibald A. Glenn.	44
	9. Sylvester Stevens...	400		15. John W. Ross.....	104
	10. V. M. Blanding	57		16. John M. Pearson.....	27
	11. E. H. Baker.	102		17. James Steele.....	260
	12. John W. Clyde.....	33		18. George W. Albin.....	.....
1868..	1. John W. Clyde.....	33		19. John N. Ryan.....	24
	2. J. S. Babcock.....	138		20. Hiram W. Hubbard.	201
	3. Edward H. Baker ...	102		21. Henry Palmer	362
	4. James C. Luckey....	187		22. Thomas W. Hay.....	272
	5. Peter Bogue	57		23. Thomas Moore.....	91
	6. Joseph Holland	70		24. A. N. Lodge	89

